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Son of part-owner of No Ka Oi reported missing

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Christian Leemar Delos Santos, the son of the family that partly owns No Ka Oi Pest Control, has been reported missing after being last seen Saturday afternoon.



Delos Santos

Department of Public Safety spokesman Travis Hurst said yesterday that DPS is asking the public's assistance in locating the

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FACED WITH BUDGET WOES NMC threatens tuition hike, scrapping of business degree

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Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart told senators yesterday afternoon that NMC might increase students' tuition by at least 30 percent and cancel the new bachelor's degree in business management program as early as Monday, among other things, should the Legislature fail to give the college at least \$5.152 million to meet federal maintenance-of-efforts requirements.

NMC is asking for a budget of \$7.858 million for fiscal year 2015.

The House of Representatives gave NMC \$4.934 million in its version of the fiscal year 2015 CNMI government budget bill. The \$134.33 million budget bill is now under Senate review.

Of the amount given by the House to NMC, \$4.248 million is direct appropriations, while \$600,000 is from CW fees and \$86,000 is from Compact impact funds.

Lawmakers said the \$7.858 million that NMC is asking for is almost double what it had in previous years and is unattainable at this time given other program needs.

Senate and House of Representatives members also said while

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OF FOUR GUBERNATORIAL BETS

Only Inos at drawing of lots for ballot placement

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Of four gubernatorial candidates, only Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the Republican Party actually showed up at the drawing of candidates' numbers for their names' placement on the ballot; three others

» **3 others sent representatives**

only sent their representatives to the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday morning.

Today, the Election board of directors is scheduled to certify the nearly 100 candidacies filed.

Election Commission executive

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Republican lieutenant governor candidate, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), second from right, picks a number for him and Gov. Eloy S. Inos for name placement on the ballot among four gubernatorial teams, at the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday morning. From left, Juan I. Tenorio, representing the Independent team of former governor Juan N. Babauta and former senator Juan Torres; the governor; Torres; and businessman Juan S. Tenorio representing the independent team of former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan). Meling Chargualaf (not shown in this photo) also picked a number for the Democratic team of Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and Danny Quitugua.



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Inos and Torres discuss major issues with young voters



Young members of MILE CNMI hold a freewheeling discussion with Gov. Eloy Inos and Sen. Ralph Torres at their campaign office in Gualo Rai yesterday evening.

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sponsible for our economy, our growth. They're responsible for the many good things [in the CNMI]. We couldn't have done it by just ourselves," he said.

When asked about what he and Torres can do about the status of contract workers if elected, Inos clarified that they do not much have authority on policy decisions, as these are made at the discretion of the secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor.

However, he said he has been working with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) in putting pressure on federal authorities, as he believes contract workers play a huge role in keeping the economy going.

He cited this year's good news of the CW program's extension.

"We put enough pressure on [DOL] to exercise its discretion to extend that looming deadline [for another] five years," Inos said.

He said he would continue to work with Sablan, saying they both have had discussions to approach Congress and ask for a "special visa" especially fitted for the CNMI, which will allow for continuity and sustainability in the workforce.

"I'm working in parallel with Congressman Kilili, because... the economy needs the service, and we are not prepared. We don't have the U.S. eligible workers to do the work that is currently performed by contract workers," he said.

Torres said that in his time in the Senate he has supported resolutions to help nonresident workers in the CNMI.

"It's not 'us,' it's 'we,'" Torres stressed. "We're all here for the same reason. You call this home, I call this home, there's no difference."

Angel Ichihara, MILE CNMI's chairman, spoke highly of the meeting and said he was surprised and appreciative of how Inos thoroughly answered their questions.

"I'm thankful that he is also helping CW workers," he said.

He also told the governor about how he has two U.S.-born friends who have had to move to the Philippines because they're parents could no longer stay on island.

When asked, Ichihara said he has not decided on who he will vote for but is excited to meet with the other gubernatorial candidates.

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Gov. Eloy Inos and Sen. Ralph Torres met with MILE CNMI, a group of young voters dedicated to voter awareness, at their campaign office in Gualo Rai yesterday evening.

The Inos-Torres meeting was the first of several meetings the youth group has scheduled with this year's gubernatorial candidates.

At the meeting, Inos and Torres spoke briefly about themselves, their platform, and their views on several CNMI issues.

Later, a Q&A session led discussion to an array of topics that included contract worker status, the integrated casino resort to be developed on Saipan, public transit, utility prices, and alternative energy.

Julius Reyes, a member of the group, asked Inos and Torres about the impact and sustainability of the casino resort.

"I was wondering how this will all be controlled," Reyes said. "We've got a lot of buildings. I'm not sure if we should keep building, especially on the coast side."

Inos clarified that the mandated 2,000 new rooms under the negotiated casino deal do not have to be built in one location.

"It's a known situation that you can't find the real estate here in one central place where you can build 2,000 rooms," he said.

Working with various permitting agencies, the rooms would essentially have to be spread around the island, he said.

"You're right," Inos said, agreeing with Reyes' concern about infrastructure impact. "I don't think there's any available site that would accommodate 2,000 rooms with all the integrated amenities."

Inos and Torres both expressed appreciation for the contributions of contract workers throughout the CNMI's history.

"Some of these folks are re-



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Sablan questions adequacy of CHC's cost saving measures

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According to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. acting chief financial officer Joanne Paraiso, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. remains current in its monthly payment, not including its past arrears.

CUC board chair David J. Sablan, however, still questions CHC's cost saving measures and wants a notice from CHC on the conservation measures they are currently implementing.

Sablan questioned the adequacy of CHC's conservation plan, considering that the hospital corporation still manages to ring up a billing of close to \$500,000 almost every month.

Sablan said that CHC is supposed to give CUC a concurrent plan that is due at the end of this month.

Sablan told CUC executive director Alan Fletcher that they need to notify the CHC management of the need to submit the concurrent plan because they need to discuss the hospital's past due amount of \$12 million.

Sablan said that CHC must bring its electricity consumption to a manageable level and not always half or close to a million dollars.

"Based on what CHC advised us in May, they can only afford \$350,000 to \$400,000, which means they have to come down to about \$150,000 to \$250,000 in their consumption, and that

requires them to come up with a conservation development plan," he said.

Senator asks bank to restore ATM at Rota airport

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) has asked Bank of Guam to restore its automated teller machine service at the Rota airport in Sinapalo to augment the only existing ATM located at the far end of the island in Songsong.

Many years back, there was an ATM located at the Benjamin T. Manglona International Airport but was removed and had not been restored.

Manglona, in a letter to Bank of Guam vice president/regional manager Marcy Tomokane, said a majority of people that reside in Sinapalo "must drive more than

June's billing was above \$500,000, May's billing was about \$484,000 and April's billing totaled about \$411,000.

Sablan said the conservation plan would help CHC cover

10 miles to Songsong Village in order to withdraw funds from their respective accounts."

"Given the price of fuel, this continues to burden the community who are already struggling with the rising costs in commodities and utilities throughout the island," Manglona said in a one-page Aug. 8 letter.

The senator said that restoring ATM service at the airport in Sinapalo "will greatly lessen the burden on the residents of Rota, as well as accommodating all visitors and tourists coming to the island." (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)

supposed duty last Friday was 1pm to 5pm, but he called that he would not report for work.

Parnes said that Delos Santos also did not report for work on Saturday.

She said on Thursday at lunch time, upon Delos Santos' request, she dropped him off at First Hawaiian Bank in Gualo Rai. Parnes said Delos Santos has no car.

"He's very responsible. If he wants to be absent, he would call our office," Parnes said.

the current chairman, Herman "Pan" Guerrero.

Rota

For Rota mayor: 1) Efraim M. Atalig 2) Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola.

For two Rota Senate seats: 1) Tom Glen Quitugua 2) Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) 3) Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) 4) Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), and 5) Steve Mesngon.

For one Rota House seat: 1) Thomas Lee A. Manglona and 2) Glenn L. Maratita.

For three Rota Municipal Council member seats: 1) Roman Calvo 2) George Hocog 3) Juan Barcinas 4) Joseph Ogo 5) Ivan Mereb and, 6) Michael Manglona.

Tinian

For Tinian mayor: 1) incumbent Tinian Mayor Ramon "Ray" Dela Cruz 2) former senator David Cing and 3) former attorney general Joey Patrick San Nicolas.

For two Tinian senatorial seats: 1) Sen. Jack Borja (Ind-Tinian) 2) Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) 3) Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider and 4) Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian).

For one Tinian House seat: 1) Edwin Aldan and 2) Charlene Lizama.

For three Tinian Municipal Council seats: 1) Diana H. Borja 2) Edwin M. Hofschneider 3) Raynaldo M. Cing 4) Fritz M. San Nicolas 5) Estevan P. Cabrera and 6) Antonio SN. Borja.

For Board of Education candidates for Tinian: 1) Martin M. Sakisat and 2) Florine M. Hofschneider.

their monthly use of electricity.

"That will help us [CHC and CUC] sit down and come up with a plan on how CHC intends to pay the \$12 million in past arrears, because we are giving them time to adjust to a level where they can afford to pay, but it doesn't seem like they are conserving with their monthly bill of over or close to \$500,000," he said.

According to Paraiso, CHC's July payment amounted to \$466,000, and she ex-

NMC

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they understand NMC's frustrations, they were taken aback by the tone of NMC's statements at yesterday's Senate budget hearing, describing them as "threatening."

"I'm just quite surprised that from \$4.2 million, NMC is asking \$7.8 million. To say things in a threatening manner is quite alarming especially because it's asking for almost double the budget. However, I sympathize with NMC's concerns about the need for more funds. For me we should at least meet the MOE requirements," Manglona later said.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) said the committee will review NMC's request.

Nothing was promised to NMC yesterday.

NMC officials said the minimum appropriation needed for NMC to meet the MOE requirement for the College Access Challenge Grant for 2015 is \$5,152,207.

This, however, assumes that the CNMI Scholarship allotment is maintained at the same level for 2015 as in 2014.

This figure is also subject to change if there is any variation in NMC's appropriation level as stated in Public Law 18-18 or in the CNMI's Scholarship allotments.

Hart told senators yesterday that by not giving more funds to NMC, lawmakers "are putting all of this on the back of students."

"And it is either time that the NMC receives the appropriations we need or I am serious, it is time that this college gets out of the business of being a college because we need these funds. And this is being serious, we need to know. If we're not going to have these funds, I am going to say to the dean we do not enroll these students in business starting next Monday. And we will cancel that business degree. Do you want us to meet this workforce needs or do you not?" Hart asked members of the Senate Committees on Fiscal Affairs and Education.

Manglona asked Hart whether NMC also shared their plans with the House of Representatives.

"You bet," Hart responded. "And we can see right now where education stands in the

pects CHC to make another payment this week.

"We've collected from CHC last week and we are expecting another payment at the end of the week," Paraiso told CUC board members.

In a statement yesterday afternoon, CHC chief executive officer Esther Muna said that they already have the concurrent plan.

Sablan expects CHC to submit the concurrent plan before the end of this month.

CNMI and I am extremely disappointed as every citizen in the CNMI should be disappointed in the lack of support that goes to education."

Hart said this comes at a time when NMC expects 1,300 students or an additional 14 percent growth in enrollment this fall.

"When we tell these students in a few weeks that they will be expecting a 30-percent if not more growth in their tuition dollars, I hope that they come forward," Hart added.

Manglona asked Hart once again whether NMC explained their plan to the governor.

Hart said Board of Regents members have been talking to the governor and the House.

"We were up here two months ago. We told the House what we're going to do," Hart said.

Lawmakers also asked NMC about the whereabouts of the \$3 million it collected in student tuition, which is not counted toward the college's budget.

Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Education, said the House continues to find sources of additional funding for NMC but it is impossible to give NMC almost \$4 million more.

The House and Senate are expected to form a conference committee to come up with a compromise version of the government's 2015 spending plan.

Benavente also noted Hart's statement about considering to cancel the new four-year degree in business management program.

"If she knew from the beginning there would be problems with funding, she shouldn't have pushed for it this year. It's holding the budget situation hostage. ...The \$3 million tuition collection is also questionable issue. I believe they use it as 'cushion' fund but they have to disclose that," he added.

Besides Hart, other NMC officials were also at the Senate budget hearing including NMC chief financial officer Tracy Guerrero.

Hart also enumerated NMC's accomplishments and successes.

"We do achieve what we set out to do," she said.

The Senate leadership, meanwhile, is poised to give the Public School System an additional \$1.6 million, on top of what the House gave it under the 2015 budget bill, to be able to meet the MOE requirement.

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22-year-old Delos Santos.

"Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of this individual is asked to call DPS at 664-9001 or Crime Stoppers at 234-7272," Hurst said.

Saipan Tribune learned that Delos Santos works as a pest control technician at No Ka Oi. His father, Lee Delos Santos, a

Hawaiian, passed away in 2006. His mother, Elena Delos Santos, is currently on vacation in the Philippines.

The Delos Santos family is part-owner of the pest control company.

Esther Alita said she last saw Delos Santos, who is her nephew, on Saturday afternoon when he sent money to his vacationing mother in the Philippines.

Alita said she checked her nephew's apartment room in

Garapan late afternoon yesterday and it's still locked.

She said she does not know if he is inside the room or not, but he could not be there because the screen door is open. He said Delos Santos normally locks the screen door if he's inside the room.

Marilyn Parnes, office manager of No Ka Oi, said that Delos Santos' cell phone is off and he is not responding to the company-issued radio.

Parnes said that Delos Santos'

well be a lucky number.

No. 4 on the ballot will be the Democratic Party's gubernatorial team of Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and Daniel Quitugua.

Others

Of the two delegate candidates, incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) name will be placed No. 1 on the ballot, while former Commerce secretary Andrew Salas will be No. 2.

Retired Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan will be placed on No. 1, while attorney Michael Evangelista will be No. 2.

For the Saipan senatorial seats, the candidates and placements on the ballot are as follows: 1) former speaker Oscar Babauta; 2) former representative Justo Quitugua; 3) Public School System's Illuminada Bermudes; 4) Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios; 5) attorney Steve Woodruff; 6) Jesus Taisague; and 7) Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan).

For Saipan mayor candidates: 1) former representative David Apatang; 2) Jose Agulto Reyes; 3) Antonio Mareham; and 4) Ramon B. Camacho.

For Northern Islands mayor's bets: 1) Vicente Santos Jr. and 2) Francisco Jerome Aldan.

Afternoon drawings

Yesterday afternoon, the Election Commission was crowded with candidates for Saipan House seats.

For Precinct 1: 1) Vince Cabrera 2) Rep. Antonio Sablan

(Ind-Saipan) 3) Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) 4) Calixtro Reyes 5) Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan) 6) press secretary Angel Demapan 7) Rose A. Hocog 8) John Pialur 9) Customs' Greg Sablan 10) Frankie Angel 11) Joe Flores 12) Benjamin Cepeda 13) Rep. Richard Seman (R-Saipan) 14) Lee "Pan" Guerrero 15) Ed Propst 16) House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and 17) Nelson Rios. Precinct 1 has six seats.

For the two-seat Precinct 2: 1) House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) 2) Bruce Iglecias 3) Vicente Ichihara and 4) Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan).

For the six-seat Precinct 3: 1) Vicente Camacho 2) BJ Attao 3) former representative Stanley Torres 4) Rep. Tony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) 5) Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) 6) Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) 7) House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) 8) Zoning's Maryann Arriola 9) Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) 10) Susana Deleon Guerrero and 11) Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan).

For the two-seat Precinct 4: 1) Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan) 2) Diego Kaipat 3) Vinnie Sablan, and 4) Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan).

For the two-seat Precinct 5: 1) Joe Demapan 2) Francis Taimanao 3) Rep. Tony Agulto (Ind-Saipan) 4) Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), and 5) Francisco Aguon.

There's only one Board of Education candidate for Saipan,

Jury selection in Roberto's trial now on its 3rd day

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The jury selection in the federal jury trial of former acting CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond Borja Roberto enters its third day today, Wednesday.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona released prospective

jurors yesterday at 4:30pm and ordered them to return for the resumption of jury selection at 9:30am today, Wednesday.

As this developed, Roberto's defense team submitted in court yesterday additional exhibit list consisting of documents such as travel authorization from Saipan to American Samoa from March 7, 2013, to March 15, 2013, Roberto's boarding

passes, his United Mileage Plus statement, agenda of the 48th meeting of the Western Pacific Fisheries Information Network in American Samoa, copies of taxi fare receipt dated April 21 and 25, 2013, and others.

The defense is expected to show the documents as evi-

dence that Roberto was off island when the alleged incidents happened.

The indictment alleged that Roberto persuaded three underage girls to have sex with him from March 1, 2013, to July 18, 2013. In the witness tampering case, it was alleged that while Roberto was detained

pending trial, he attempted to influence the testimony of an individual on April 24, 2014.

Guam attorney David J. Lujan and Saipan attorney Joaquin Torres are representing Roberto as privately retained counsel. Also seated at the defendant's table were two private investigators and Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero, who used to operate a private investigation

company.

U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and NMI Alicia A.G. Limtiaco and Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy are prosecuting the case. Also seated at prosecution's table were Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park and legal assistants Marylynn Yamada-Sablan and Nicole Sablan.

» Defense submits Roberto's travel documents

Sailors, volunteers rehabilitate home for Habitat for Humanity



TIMOTHY WILSON
Caption / Abstract: DEDEDO, Guam (Aug. 9, 2014) – Ensign Diarious Travis, left, attached to Coastal Riverine Group One Detachment Guam, and Mike Marriott, volunteer their time to prepare cabinets and screen doors during a Habitat for Humanity of Guam project in Dededo on Aug. 9.

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DEDEDO, Guam—In an ongoing volunteer project, sailors from Coastal Riverine Group 1 Detachment Guam, Habitat for Humanity of Guam, and community members helped a local family renovate their home in Dededo on Aug. 9.

Over the course of three weeks, the volunteers have been scraping and chipping paint, applying new paint, sanding woodwork, repairing cabinets and doors as well as other interior renovations.

"The sailors are amazing and heaven sent," said Frances Marriott whose mother owns the house. "I thought I was going to have to do this whole project myself but I asked Habitat for Humanity for volunteers and I got so much more. It's a great opportunity and we are very grateful. The sailors have been working very hard."

Marriott came from off island to help her mother in her time of need. Prior to the renovation efforts, the home was dilapidated and uninhabitable. She said that the efforts of all the volunteers are truly a gift.

"I volunteer because I feel it is very important to give back to the community," said Ensign Diarious Travis, attached to CRG-1 Det. Guam. "Coming up through the ranks, I have always tried to help others in need or less fortunate than ourselves."

Travis said the host family

has been very kind and generous, giving the volunteers food and drink. Over the course of the project, the sailors also had the opportunity to forge new friendships.

"It is always pleasant to work with positive people and people that appreciate your quality time," he said. "It is important

to give back. Even though I am an officer, I don't want to tell my junior sailors to volunteer and be active in the community if I am not doing the same thing as well."

Habitat for Humanity executive director Alicia Aguon, who also participated in the renovation efforts, said she

was very thankful for the support of the sailors, community members and other organizations that assist Habitat for Humanity.

"Without support from each individual with this project and other projects looking ahead, we would not be able to continue our mission to end

substandard living on Guam," Aguon said. "We have a long way to go, but we are able to achieve our goals toward our mission because of each volunteer helping alongside our partner families."

Marriott said the work should be completed within another week and her mother will be

able to move back into her house.

"On behalf of my family, we are so grateful for Habitat for Humanity, the sailors and the community for all the hard work they have done while completing a goal we had," she said. "I cannot wait to work together in future projects."



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Sailors from Coastal Riverine Group One Detachment Guam and other volunteers help rehabilitate a house with help from Habitat for Humanity of Guam in Dededo on Aug. 9.

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NMTI offers CUC potential training program for employees

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The Northern Marianas Trade Institute reached out to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. yesterday on possible training opportunities for existing and incoming employees of the utilities agency.

NMTI's acting chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres and education director Victorino S. Cepeda attended yesterday's meeting of the CUC board to promote training programs that could be tailored specifically for CUC employees.

McPhetres said they could offer training classes for CUC employees if an existing law is amended to allow NMTI to provide sole vocational technical training.

McPhetres later told *Saipan Tribune* that they attended the meeting because they want to offer a potential partnership under a memorandum of understanding that will potentially allow NMTI to train current and future employees of CUC.

"We came to speak to CUC to tell them of our programs at NMTI that we offer and will help CUC in their employment services that are focused on power generation and electrical and mechanical classes that our school offers," McPhetres said.

According to her, they have students that are nearly graduating on courses that cater to utilities and electricity.

"Students that are ready to be completed in these areas are far better than the current employees that CUC has and maybe come into a process of training existing employees at CUC," McPhetres told the CUC board.

McPhetres said that CUC and NMTI could also work together, where their students could enter



JAYSON CAMACHO
Officials of the Northern Marianas Trade Institute meet with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board and management to partner up in an apprenticeship program that will help the utilities agency have trained employees from the trade school.

into an apprenticeship program of 2,000 hours and work at the agency.

She said she still needs to meet with the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency on the ap-

prenticeship program but they have already prepared a memorandum of agreement for CUC.

McPhetres noted that they are working with the Public School System's high schools in mak-

ing 11th to 12th grade students join the apprenticeship program and introduce them to vocational programs.

CUC board chair David J. Sablan agreed that NMTI should

be the sole vocational trade school and that he is amenable to a partnership with NMTI, but NMTI would still have to be under the Department of Labor, in which McPhetres said they are

working on the matter with the Legislature.

McPhetres said that they also want to look into CUC's water and wastewater areas for possible training opportunities.

Ryan Babauta found not complying with supervision conditions again

The U.S. Probation has once again sought the revocation of the supervised release of Ryan T. Babauta, an ex-convict who is on federal probation, for allegedly violating supervision conditions.

U.S. probation officer Gregory Arriola informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that Babauta submitted a diluted urine sample during a random drug test on July 14, 2014.

Arriola said that Babauta also failed to appear for counseling sessions on July 29, Aug. 2, Aug. 5, Aug. 6, and Aug. 7, 2014.

The defendant did not appear for random drug testing on Aug.

3, 2014.

He also allegedly failed to follow the instructions of the probation officer by not submitting a monthly supervision report within the first week of August and not reporting to the U.S. Probation Office as directed.

Last January, the federal court

revoked Babauta's supervised release and slapped him with a six-month prison term for using illegal drugs and violating other terms of his probation.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona also ordered that after completing his prison term,

Babauta would be placed on supervised release for 54 months.

In March 2009, Babauta was among seven prisoners who staged a 14-hour hostage drama at the Department of Corrections in Susupe. At the time, he was serving a prison term for involuntary manslaughter over

the killing of a Bangladeshi national in Chalan Kanoa.

In August 1999, the federal court slapped Babauta with 180-month prison sentence and five years of supervised release, for hostage taking and felon in possession of a firearm. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Armed with machete, woman confronts text sender

A text message telling her to stop talking allegedly triggered a woman to get drunk, grab a machete, and scream at her text sender, who was sleeping inside his home in As Perdido early Sunday morning.

Suspect Binar Sambile, 51,

also allegedly attacked the text sender's sister, who told her to go home because she was drunk, by grabbing her hair and pulling her down to the ground.

Sambile was taken before Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio on Mon-

day for a bail hearing on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. A \$6,500 cash bail was initially imposed.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that a man called the Department of Public Safety on Sunday at 2:39am about a drunken Sambile causing a disturbance at his residence.

When two officers arrived at the scene, they met a man (not the caller) who told them that his mother, Sambile, was the one creating the disturbance.

The officers then saw Sambile, who was shouting and swinging a machete. Sambile's son grabbed the machete away and yelled at her to stop because the police were present.

The suspect kept resisting and tried to confront the complainant about his text message to her.

The officer managed to calm down Sambile and escorted her to the other house, but after five minutes, she came rushing down, yelling at the complainant and his sister.

The officer told Sambile that she was yelling at 3am and that she was waking up people, including children in the area. When the defendant continued shouting profanities, she was arrested.

Police learned that prior to the incident, Sambile was complaining about not getting paid for watching her son's baby, yet the complainant's wife would get paid whenever she watched the baby.

The complainant later texted Sambile to stop talking. Sambile then started drinking alcoholic beverage and proceeded to the house of the complainant's sister. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Marines to hold more exercises on Tinian

The Tinian Mayor's Office has been informed that an advance group of 30 U.S. Marines will arrive on Tinian on Aug. 22, 2014, to prepare for expeditionary air operations. The vessel carrying their equipment is expected to arrive at the Tinian harbor on or about Aug. 24, with land clearing at West Field Runway Echo to begin shortly afterwards.

This will be very similar to previous MAG 12 operations

with a cantonment area at North Field, jet landing operations at West Field International Airport, and clearing operations on the old runway inside the military leaseback area. It appears there will be no closures to tourist sites within the military leased lands.

Additional information will be released as soon as it is available, according to Don Farrell, chief of staff of Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz. (*PR*)

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association

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January to December 2015

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- Bachelor's degree in Sports Science, Physical Education or related major plus 5 years minimum experience in the job offered. Resume must reflect the experience required and references will be verified.
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- Can communicate effectively in English and understanding and speaking other Asian languages is a plus.
- Familiarity with EAFF and AFC run programs and competitions will be highly considered.

Salary will be based on qualification. Please send resume and other documents showing all requirements to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association - 3rd Floor, TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan or PMB 338, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 or Fax no. 1-670-233-6632 or email to rzapanta@nmifa.com. To be considered, resume must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm, Wednesday, August 20, 2014.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF

AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF:

Frantia Celyn Aguan Sablan (5/28/2002)
Camia Janae Aguan Sablan (11/20/2004)
Camayah Jade Aguan Sablan (11/20/2004)

Minor Children

By
Carla Aguan Sablan
Petitioner

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor children by Carla Aguan Sablan, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 28th day of August, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re Estate of : CIVIL ACTION
GEORGE A. MANGLONA, : NO. 97-1061

Deceased :

FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on March 11, 2009, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of the Estate of George A. Manglona in and to the following property:

1. Lot 002 T. 22. The Estate owns this lot, which contains an area of 1,448 square meters more or less, in fee simple. Title is subject to outstanding mortgages, the balances due on which are negotiable.

2. Lot 008 T. 85. This lot contains an area of 901 square meters. The Estate owns a leasehold interest in the lot, which expires on July 21, 2047. No further rent is due.

Both of these properties are situated in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands. All sales are subject to court approval.

Preliminary title reports are available for inspection at the office of the undersigned, by appointment only.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 8th day of August, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

'Flight cancellations affecting business between Saipan, Guam

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

With stretches of cancelled flights the last several weeks, several community leaders spoke to *Saipan Tribune* about how the current state of Cape Air/United Airlines has affected them and the islands in the region.

"It has disrupted the planning of many of the businessman who fly up here [from Guam]," said David J. Sablan, chairman of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Robert H. Jones, president and chief executive officer of Triple J Enterprises, said his experience with Cape Air has taught him to fly one day before he needs to get to another island.

"It is very poor air service between two or three very important and active islands that need reliable service," Jones said.

Sablan said that United has an obligation to the islands, after its merger with Continental,

to provide the services that were previously enjoyed under the old airlines.

"The service between what it was, and what it is now with United is terrible. It absolutely is terrible," he said.

He that while the Cape Air flights were quite comfortable during its first months of flights, air-conditioning is sometimes not turned on during early afternoon flights.

"It's sweltering hot in the aircraft while you're waiting for it to taxi and take off, and they don't do anything about it," he said.

Jones echoed the same sentiment, faulting flights for being "always hot and often late."

David M. Sablan, corporate consultant for Century Insurance Co., who has been a leader in the island's economic development for decades, called for government intervention to ensure that the people of the Marianas are served properly by the airlines.

"We need the service between here and Guam for the people. If we want to continue to do business, that's the only way," he said.

He said that if Cape Air cannot provide the services that make it comfortable to do business between Guam and Saipan, then a new airline that can provide good service must be found.

This week the Office of the Attorney General released a statement saying that they are soliciting consumer protection complaints regarding airline companies in the Commonwealth.

While the office does not have the authority to process or investigate complaints, they will be forwarding them to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

According to the USDOT website, complaints will be reviewed to determine the extent to which carriers are in compliance with federal aviation consumer protection regulations.

The department also publishes a monthly Air Consumer Travel Report where complaint statistics are made available. In the report from June, United led complaints against U.S. airlines with 158 complaints recorded in April. US Airways came in second with 128.

Most of United's complaints were filed under flight problems, with 48 complaints filed.

The deadline to file complaints with the Attorney General's Office is on Aug. 20.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Energy issues corrected information

The CNMI Department of Public Works/Division of Energy would like to make corrections to the press releases regarding the suspension of services under the Weatherization Assistance Program published on July 28, 2014, and Aug. 11, 2014. The Energy Office announced that while the WAP services are not being suspended, they are no longer able to accept new applications until further notice. Unfortunately, the program has already met and processed the total allotted number of applications from eligible applicants to receive services under this program year's grant funding. A public notice will be issued should additional funding become available.

The Energy Division apologizes for the misunderstanding and the inconvenience it has caused. Should anyone need additional information, you may contact Eugene Borja or Thelma B. Inos at 664-4481. (PR)

OVR counselor to visit Rota

This is to inform the public that a vocational rehabilitation counselor will be on Rota from Aug. 18 to 20 at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Receiving Center (DCCA) in Songsong Village. If you know anyone who has a disability, wants to work, and is interested in receiving VR services, contact the OVR Staff at 322-6537/38 or Elizabeth Kani at 532-9351/4 or 286-2013. (OVR)

Dandan Middle School orientations

Dandan Middle School orientation information for school year 2014-2015

- 6th grade orientation: Aug. 27, 2014, 10am – 11:3am, DMS Cafeteria
- 7th grade orientation: Aug. 28, 2014, 10am – 11:30am, DMS Cafeteria
- 8th grade orientation: Aug. 29, 2014, 10am – 11:am, DMS Cafeteria

Please come and join us as we discuss classroom procedures, school rules, BOE policies, as well as other school standard operating procedures. We hope to work closely with you all as we welcome the new school year. (PR)

Comments for DoD public access plan accepted until Aug. 14

ASAN, Guam—The public is encouraged to submit comments on the Department of Defense public access plan through Aug. 14. Comments are being sought to assist with the development of the plan, which will facilitate public visits to historic sites of interest on DOD properties as well as allow citizens to safely collect culturally important natural resources.

Copies of the document are available at the Mayors Council of Guam, Guam State Historic Preservation Office, University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Library, Richard F. Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center and the Nieves M. Flores Public Library.

Online copies are available at the Cultural Resource Information website go.usa.gov/kZWG (case sensitive) and JRM website www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/jrm.html.

The public comment period is in coordination between the Guam State Historic Preservation Office and Joint Region Marianas. (PR)



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-14-IFB-005

TEXAS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Texas Road Improvements, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after August 6, 2014 at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on August 22, 2014, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on August 27, 2014 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-14-IFB-005". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 4, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 4, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticm.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 4, 2014 and must be received no later than September 15, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, September 18, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on September 4, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
August 13, 2014

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. TIME CREATION CORP	07/02/2014 SPIm-2014-X-028	Dry Dock	Puerto Rico	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (07/03/14)
2. KUENTAI SAIPAN	07/07/2014 SSm-2014-X-029	Excavation	Achaguo	Shoreline APC	Under Review
3. GEOTESTING, INC.	07/07/2014 SPIm-2014-X-030	Geo Testing	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (08/01/2014)*
4. PACIFIC SUBSEA	07/09/2014 SPIm-2014-X-031	Dry Dock	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (07/10/2014)*
5. Fish & Wildlife	07/10/2014 SPIm-95-X-146 (Amend)	Boat Facility	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Under Review
6. Mr. Sung Soo Lim	07/18/2014 SSm-2014-X-032	Two Storey Building	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Under Review
7. PIC	07/25/2014 SSm-2014-X-033	Tree Trimming	San Antonio	Shoreline APC	Approved (07/29/2014)*
8. Carolinian Affairs Office	07/25/2014 SSm-2014-X-034	Traditional Huts	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Approved (07/25/2014)*
9. Fiesta Resort	07/16/2014 SMS-90-X-070 (2014 Amend)	Stages & Dinner Show Facility	Garapan	Amendment	Approved (07/24/2014)*

Require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Drawing of Lots



Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, shares a light moment with Juan S. Tenorio, right, shortly before the drawing of gubernatorial candidates' numbers at the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe yesterday morning. Inos, of the Republican Party, was the only one among four gubernatorial candidates that actually showed up, while three others sent their representatives. Tenorio represents the Independent gubernatorial tandem of former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan).



From left, Juan I. Tenorio representing the independent gubernatorial team of former governor Juan N. Babauta and Juan Torres; Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the Republican Party; Juan S. Tenorio, representing the independent tandem of former speaker Heinz Hofschneider and Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan); and Meling Chargualaf, representing the Democratic Party gubernatorial ticket of Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and Daniel Quitugua, at the drawing of candidates' numbers yesterday morning.



Democratic Party's Meling Chargualaf, right, picks a random number at the drawing of gubernatorial candidates' numbers on the ballot yesterday. Also in the photo are, from left, Juan I. Tenorio, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Juan S. Tenorio (partly hidden).



House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), second from right, picks a number while other candidates for a House seat in Precinct 2 look on. Also in photo is Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero, second from left.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

House Precinct 3 candidate Maryann Arriola, right, picks a number from a paper bag held by Commonwealth Election Commission's Julie Villagomez, left, at the drawing of House candidates' numbers yesterday afternoon, while other candidates wait for their turn.



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Five House candidates for Precinct 5 check out the numbers they picked.



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Four House of Representatives candidates for Precinct 4 pose for a photo after the drawing of candidates' numbers yesterday afternoon.

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Saipan Municipal Council member candidate Reina Camacho, second from right, picks a number, while three other candidates look on.

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An anniversary we should keep in perspective

Forty years ago last week, the president of the United States announced his resignation.

Richard M. Nixon, weakened by two years of metastasizing scandal that had begun with a moronic burglary, conceded certain impeachment and conviction. Shortly after noon the next day, Gerald Ford was sworn in as our 38th president and told us our “long national nightmare” was over.

Even Americans old enough to remember might forget just how nightmarish it had become. Nixon himself insisted, amid successive revelations about the seediness of his presidency, that “a year of Watergate is enough.” Sadly, worse revelations were yet to come.

In the four decades since Nixon’s resignation, and with increasing intensity over the last two, “impeachment” has somehow evolved from government’s unlikeliest and most profoundly regrettable corrective responsibility to an almost routine political threat. One president has actually been impeached, under circumstances history will almost surely regard as somewhere between politically frivolous and constitutionally ominous; and impeachment threats against the two succeeding presidents have been thrown around with stunning civic irresponsibility by people who know better.

Maybe, in that context, this is an anniversary of critical historical importance.

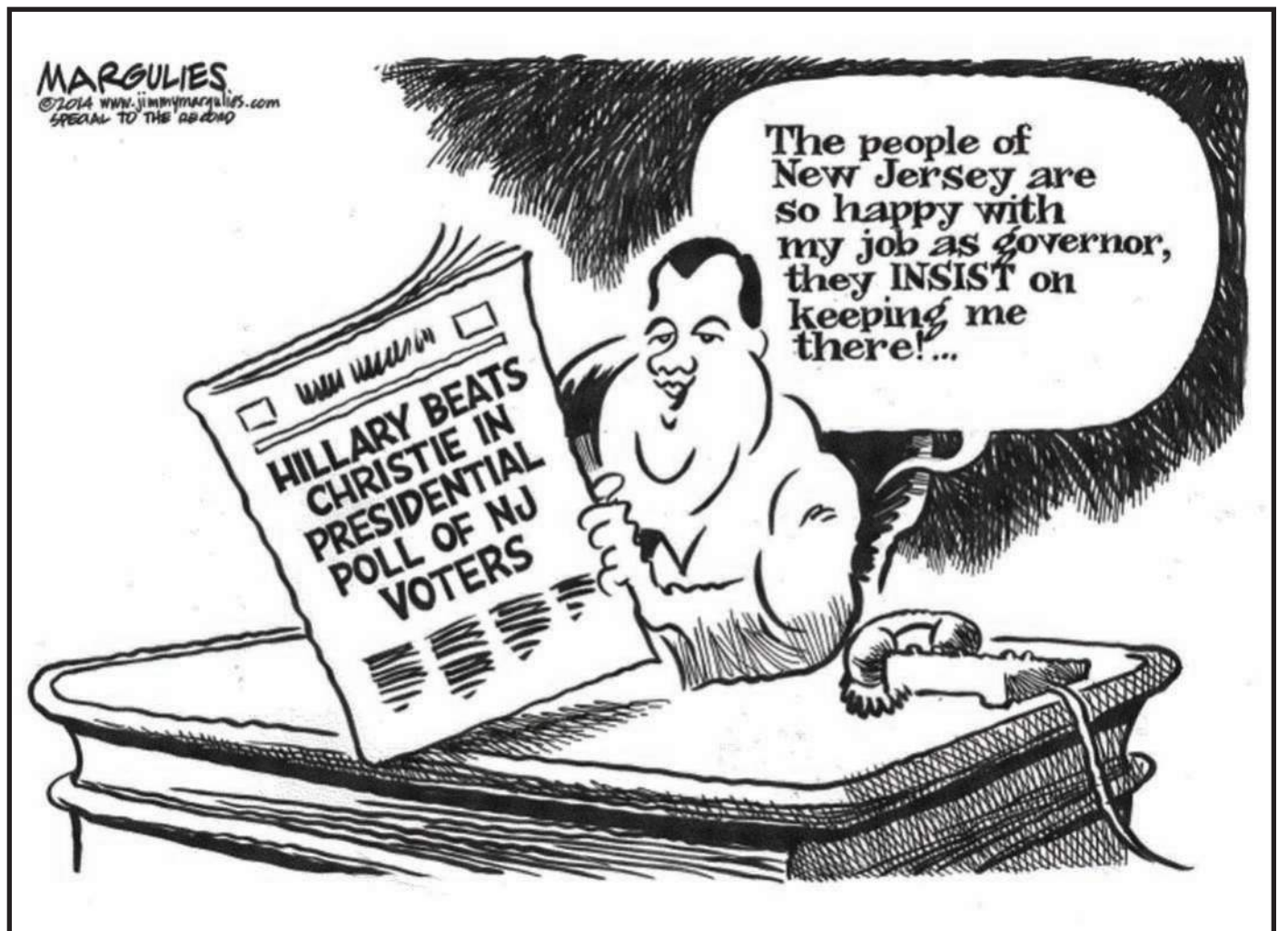
Richard Nixon was not fundamentally corrupt, politically incompetent or zealously partisan. He was a brilliant diplomat whose foreign policy triumphs have, arguably, never been eclipsed. But political vindictiveness and paranoia left him vulnerable. As George Will relates in his latest column, Nixon had already ordered a break-in at the Brookings Institution a year before the Watergate burglary. Edmund Muskie’s presidential campaign was sabotaged with a phony racist letter. After Daniel Ellsberg helped leak the so-called Pentagon Papers—the Defense Department’s secret history of Vietnam, a war the Kennedy/Johnson brain trust had long ago concluded was unwinnable—Nixon operatives burgled Ellsberg’s psychiatrist’s office. And just six days after the burglary of Democratic headquarters at the Watergate Hotel, Nixon was recorded on his own Oval Office taping system crafting a massive conspiracy.

That’s the short list.

Those still tempted to think of impeachment in political terms should reflect on a couple of historical realities. The political backlash after Nixon’s downfall was not against the opposition party, but against President Ford—a good and decent man whose politically unselfish decision to pardon Nixon and thus spare the nation further turmoil probably cost him reelection in 1976. Contrast that to the Clinton impeachment, from which the president himself emerged virtually unscathed, while his political opposition suffered at the polls.

Americans are not stupid. Political hyperbole aside, we share a core value that says negating the will of the voters is not something that should ever be undertaken recklessly. Those behind the bully pulpits of both parties might want to keep that in mind.

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In gas we trust, its trash we got

Oil earned our trust. In Texas in the '60s, fossil fuel determined the economic health of the state, the rationale for its politics, and the texture of its culture. Romanticized cowhands in the ranch may have determined the couture on Northwest Highway Mall, but the faces under the derricks of sludge and smear were more representative of dudes in the Texas fields.

We point to the politics of oil as a major factor in wars fought since the last century, of small ones like East Timor and Biafra in Nigeria, or major ones like WWI and II. Oil in Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Syria, Iraq and Iran fuels civil wars; the turmoil of the Middle East finds fossil fuel not a mere subterranean issue. Israel secures US interest in the region and Palestine the land of the Philistines of old has faded into *Eratz Israel*.

Arabs in the region outside Palestine let Israel deal with “gnats” in its backyard. Palestinians and Israel point to two historic documents as the source of differing perspectives on British vacillation: the Hussein-MacMahon correspondence and the Balfour Declaration.

After 72 hours of ceasefire, missiles are flying over Gaza and Israel again. Israel shows pictures of Hamas locating missiles in populated places like schools and cemeteries, getting Netanyahu to mouth a great PR piece: “Hamas uses its people to protect their missiles; we use our missiles to protect our people.”

Full-throated condemnation goes to both sides of the carnage inflicted on the civilian population, albeit a lopsided one. Israel can intercept missiles while projectiles from naval, air, and surface sources mercilessly decimates Gaza. The grossly unbalanced ratio on the attrition count reflects this reality. “Intolerable and unacceptable,” the United Nations and EU holler behind the safety of press conference microphones, but are helpless to do anything. Why? Because no one’s hand is clean.

Chinese workers have pulled out in places like Libya and Algeria, Cameroon and South Sudan; they staff oil production facilities. China needs oil, and Africa is the only “friendly” region that offers fair trade, though rebels had not been remiss in pressuring demand, and squeezing some blood off the supply. U.K. thought it was being fair in the partition, the U.S. was opportunistic in ensuring a non-Muslim ally in the Middle East. The sheiks from Kuwait to Oman love their royalties. Children of dirt poor-nomads pick up trash!

Our dependence on oil left us in a global chokehold. In the '67 movie *The Graduate*, college grad Ben received this advice: *There's a great future in plastics. Think about it.* The organic polymer byproduct of petrochemicals was a boon on almost everything from preserving food to getting lighter but sturdier material for tools and appliances. Well, it proved to be more than we bargained for.

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In the early '80s, in the Marshall Islands, I made Arno east and Wotje north of Majuro. Arno was a close neighbor to urban Majuro so swimming in the atoll and running into plastic, something I expected from Kwajalein’s Ebeye, was regrettable but not surprising. It was in the pristine waters of Wotje while I was enjoying a quiet late afternoon snorkeling when a plastic diaper slowly drifted by. Pampers did brisk business.

In the '80s, America’s honeymoon with plastic came unwrapped. China’s scavengers on U.S. trash that led to its export (containers of products shipped from China were returning empty so sending them back to China full of trash was convenient at both ends) gave America’s landfills momentary relief. But plastics take thousands of years to biodegrade, and in the planet from Micronesia to London, Sydney to Toronto, Tuvalu to Maldives, litter became a sore sight.

In 2007, China quit trashing rubbish from the U.S. Its import disposal along with those of its own consumers’ garbage became its cities’ environmental contradiction. Provinces that received a lion’s share of the previous U.S. waste ignored countryside aesthetics and added toxic contaminants to its soil and water.

The strength of polymers comes from organic solids added to it. We now alert cooks of the harm of plastic containers in our food when heated in microwaves, more so when additives turn toxic at certain temperatures. Also, our incinerators exude deadly poisons into our haze and cloud, adding hydrocarbons into the biosphere, and carcinogens into our lungs.

I think the graduate in the '67 movie (“plastic” became synonymous with fake and unreal), were he around today, would realize that the antics of Mrs. Robinson was mere play compared to the threat of massive trash that plastic brought us.

We are drowning in global wars triggered by quarrels over oil fields, we trashed the planet through polymer byproducts, and our incinerators cause our rains to drop acid. There’s no turning back; we are now learning to live with, and perhaps, evolve from, our trashy misbehavin’, more serious than the Mrs. Robinson variety.

Trust in gas? Nah.

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Corruption's a big word!

The word corruption is defined as “dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, typically involving a bribery” of public officials. The definition, if you will, is a bit too narrow. It doesn't go beyond receipt of direct or tangible things. It means if you didn't benefit from “personal gain” then you're free of the filthy scourge.

I don't like this word and it isn't because of the negativity it conveys but because it can't even fit as headline and even bleeds the page when highlighted with bold letters. Moreover, in a small community, it doesn't even need any ideological or scholarly discussion.

I'm not being facetious either but you know we come from “Islas de Las Ladrões” where we could smell corruption from miles away. Plus we impose the complete opposite of American jurisprudence where, on the islands, you are guilty until proven otherwise. The heavy shadow follows you everywhere! And even that we smell with powerful scent than fully trained K-9.

Beyond the narrow definition, there's the term “patronage” that wildly spreads privileges and rights that can't be stashed away. It provides invisible and concrete personal gains for the official, his family, relatives, and loyalists.

Well, I've seen envelopes handed to our top guns. I'm sure they weren't “Get Well” cards or “Happy Holidays” for the content was definitely loaded with one too many happy days. Are there corrupt people still in government? Definitely! Are there politicians who've never reported campaign materials from foreign firms worth over \$50K? Isn't this also a violation of pertinent federal laws? It shall be revealed before year's end! Interesting Times!

Again, in a small island community you're held guilty until proven otherwise. This hurts in more ways than one. You meet friends at a BBQ and everybody's spouting, “Eh, more beer lai” taking quick glances at your browbeaten face. Friends and foes would poke fun at you even at your funeral. Nice thing, though, is that they're very forgiving even of crimes you never committed. Hell, where do you find such warped generosity that never ceases to give?

But I've seen what the scourge could do. It's ugly in all its form and it's one scheme where we avoid using the “crab theory.” You'd be happily encouraged go it alone, bruddah!

The Voice

There was a happy reunion recently with a close friend I've known since grammar school. We'd converge and slug it out until we turn purple. We'd pontificate on global issues as though we really had final disposition on substance before final publication.

Our *tête-à-tête* centered on reminiscence before sliding once more into insightful discussions on technology, cultural devolution, national and local political impotency and other issues.

We both acknowledge how information technology has shifted the old ways given that almost everybody is so self-absorbed in iPhones, iPads, Kindle, and laptops. With the national media pandering into what's hip as to ignore the search for the truth, it has turned into screens of mendacity than anything else. I'd rather watch birds on my lemon tree do quick jumps to nearby branches than turn on the TV. Well, modernism has its own benefits too. Most folks may not have everything they needed but at least they have my grand auntie calls “celery” or cellphones!

Has our cultural value system devolved too? Now, if you feel modernity has its good influences upon local tradition, would you like to share it with us? It's healthy exchanging viewpoints in sober fashion in the interest of allowing for that difficult navigational journey ahead.

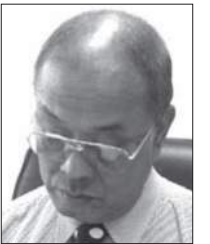
Unless we discuss it under a certain framework, most of our thoughtful views would have receded with the tide of servile acknowledgment. With strands of thoughts we could engage others in deliberative discussions focusing on real issues affecting our people. Well, it was a discussion in a dream with a friend who had since expired some 20 years ago. Perhaps he wanted to ensure that I remain polished on issues! It's what we both call “The Voice”.

Middle East mess

I've been treading breaking news on President Obama's decision to bombard northern Iraq to slow Islamist insurgents' forward movement in the northern part of the country. This vicious fanatics move on slaughtering thousands upon thousands of Christians.

But the ill-defined mission has seemingly failed drawing criticisms from commentators to heads of Christian organizations

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across the country. The expectation is one of a decisive action by the president who's headed to Martha's Vineyard for a vacation.

He's even accused as a believer in resolving domestic and foreign problems, delivering speeches enunciating grand goals. But the playing field in Iraq has shifted Mr. President and you must remove your blinders lest Islamic insurgents move into Pennsylvania Avenue too. This group seems fully versed of our Achilles heels—domestic problems—as to ignore everything else.

Memory seemed to have eluded our mind when the country pressured Obama to get out of Afghanistan and Iraq. He did! Most can't see why waste American lives and taxes on a war that isn't ours either. Obama obliged.

Obviously, the American Experiment of “democracy” has failed in the Middle East or countries where we spent billions of dollars trying to convert tribal living into our half-cocked version of democratic freedom. We overlooked the fact that historically these countries have lived as tribes for over 4,000 years. Their war is biblical. So where does our ill-conceived shortsighted agenda to democratize them fit? We need not go further than what's happening in these countries today. Even they refuse to defend themselves!

The president hasn't learned how to work with policymakers on Capitol Hill. So there's nothing to expect when he slams his blinders on domestic and foreign policies. He was dissed for acting a day late and a dollar short on Iraq. He's too busy chasing after a small white ball!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Governor, it's kind of hard to back up secret deals, because they are secret

In the *Variety* of July 21, Gov. Inos tells casino skeptics to back up allegations. Pretty hard without transparency. The commission accepted the consultant's findings without a word of dissent. The consultants were less than professional. Innovation and B2G took both casino applicants' word for everything and didn't even check to see if the documents were genuine. They took a letter from Best Sunshine, supposedly from a financial institution, guaranteeing they would make the necessary loans for \$2 billion without even checking to see if they could. Innovation seems to be a real company, but B2G wasn't even incorporated until February 2013 and it seems both companies were personally contacted by the Lottery Commission, prior to the awarding of the contract, without going through the normal announcement for an RFP. B2G found BS was superior to TDHC, even in “operation of a casino” even though they have never operated one.

The Lottery Commission needs to be investigated. This whole casino thing is dirty. I looked at the report compiled by the commission and it is the worst case of government inefficiency I have ever seen. Of course, it may be intentional, but if it wasn't, someone needs to be accountable for the mess it's in. And another thing, why does Commerce charge 50 cents for a Xerox copy and the courts only 25 cents? Strange indeed.

Vincent Cruz Santos Jr., profile please.

This young man is running for Northern islands mayor. I can't find

anything about him anywhere, except a mention in the *Saipan Tribune*. Don't you guys realize that there are 4,000 people here that have never heard of you that can influence elections? All someone would have to do to elect a candidate is move 80 voters to Pagan, or just have 80 people say they are from the Northern Islands, since most of them actually live on Saipan. Young Mr. Santos' claim to fame is his father was a former mayor. That's all the qualifications needed? He's running against the son of another former mayor. The Northern Islands, Tinian, and Rota mayors should be an honorary job because there just isn't anything to do there, zip, zilch and zero. Elect a chief among yourselves and get on with life. Out of about 55,000 people in the CNMI, only about 2,700 live outside Saipan, and at great expense to the CNMI. If you want to live there, do so, but don't expect the same level of service you will get on Saipan. You are “outer islanders” and if you want to be “city folks” move to Saipan or Guam or the mainland, like half of the population of the CNMI have already done.

Bruce Iglesias is running and he is not a government employee

How can he possible win, he only has two names. But he does have a history with helping out in his community and that shows he has heart, and not just at election time. He shouldn't be seeking federal funding though; they are broke too. He can go on YouTube and find many examples of how neighbors can help each other, without spending too much time and energy. Just make a plan, get volunteers and source materials if needed. You will be surprised what can be accomplished in two hours, twice a week, or four hours once a week. He, and every other candidate, should get a database map of every resident in District 2 with Google Earth maps and detailed information on each house and vacant lot. Then they can make a detailed plan for their district. Too bad the government can't get “community leaders” in each community. Districts are too big to monitor properly. By the way, if you remember any candidate coming by your house last year, especially you *man'amko* and the poor, or anytime during the last 16 months, asking you how things

were and if there was anything he might do to help, and they actually did something to help you, I would vote for them. We live on a small island but we act like its Manhattan island.

Teachers, I'm actually on your side but...

An elementary teacher may have 25 students in their room. Each of them has their own interests, plus the interests of their parents. Little Johnny or Joannie may want to be taught to be a killer mathematician, while Patty might need to be nurtured and made to feel happy and whole. But the elementary teacher also has to serve the interests of the principals, district administration, supervisors and the Board of Education. And, on top of that she must serve the interests of the state and federal government who have imposed their own set of rules. Does the teacher coach? Every player and parent bring their own ideas to the game. And on top of all of these, the one interest a teacher is never supposed to serve is her own. “Enlightened self-interest” is a virtue in many private sectors, but nobody touts it for teachers.

A teacher cannot serve all of those interests, and yet that is the teacher's mandate. These teachers, in the CNMI, must also teach the same thing to every student, regardless of that student's real interests. If you compare the 6 year olds that have had a tablet and Internet for three to four years when they start first grade to those that don't have access, the difference is remarkable. It's astounding. It's just too bad our school board and school administrators don't have the insight, training and foresight to see that they are short-changing our students, from K all the way through Grade 12.

The lack of curiosity, lack of creativity, the lack of interest in anything in our graduating seniors is criminal and ranks up there with child abuse. If you have a 50-lb 2 year old, that's child abuse. If you have a 14- or 16-year-old pregnant teen, that's child abuse and if you have an 18-year-old high school graduate that has no curiosity, no interest in anything, that's child abuse.






Gary DuBrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼81

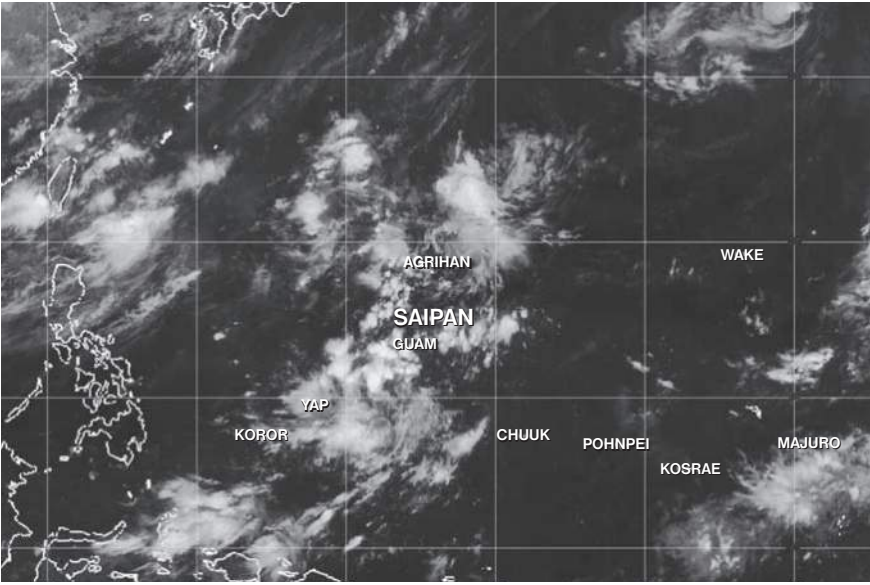
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲54 ▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲85 ▼67
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼80
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87 ▼75
London	Showers	▲73 ▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲56 ▼39
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼79
New York	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼63
Osaka	Showers	▲92 ▼76
Paris	Showers	▲71 ▼54
Pusan	Rain	▲73 ▼69
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼66
Salem	Thunderstorms	▲73 ▼60
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲64 ▼55
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼67
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼77
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲84 ▼63

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
4:27 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	
9:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	
4:43 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet	
10:59 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A broad circulation centered just southwest of Guam near 13N142E along with converging surface winds are causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms mainly in three areas. One area across the Northern Mariana Islands is between 16N and 23N from 142E to 151E. The second area across Yap state and the Republic of Palau is within 200 miles of a line from 4N130E to 10N140E. The third area southwest of Chuuk is within 125 miles of a line from 1N141E to 5N147E. A tropical disturbance northeast of Pohnpei is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 200 miles of 10N161E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of Tarawa south of 2N from 161E to 171E and over the Northern Marshall Islands between 8N and 13N from 169E to 180. A surface trough east of Wake Island runs from 16N173E to 22N172e. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are within 75 miles of the trough.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:42 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:41 PM	8:12 AM
Thursday	9:29 PM	9:12 AM
Friday	10:16 PM	10:09 AM
Saturday	11:03 PM	11:06 AM
Sunday	11:50 PM	12:00 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6	MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
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				UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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Business

Busted: 5 myths about Facebook's messenger app

By MAE ANDERSON
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook's recent effort to force people to adopt its standalone mobile messaging app has privacy-concerned users up in arms. Many of them believe the app is especially invasive.

One blog from the Huffington Post published in December has gone viral, making the rounds on the social network recently because it claims the app gives Facebook "direct control over your mobile device" and allows Facebook to call phone numbers without a users' intervention and send text messages without confirmation, but none of that is accurate.

In truth, Facebook Messenger isn't any more invasive than Facebook's main app—or other similar applications.

The fear and confusion stem from a message that greets owners of Android devices when they install the app. It explains that the app requires permission access to the device's camera, microphone, list of contacts and other information.

Here's what Facebook's mobile messaging app does and doesn't do.

< Myth: You have to use the Messenger app if you want to send messages to your Facebook friends.

< Reality: While it's required to download if you are using Facebook's mobile app on the iPhone or Android smartphones, you can avoid it if use the Facebook messenger service on your desktop or laptop, iPad or even the mobile Facebook website.

< Myth: The Facebook Messenger app's terms of service are different from—and more intrusive than—Facebook's own official terms.

< Reality: Facebook's terms of service are the same for all its mobile apps, including the main Facebook app. You can read it here: m.facebook.com/policies. What's upsetting people is the list of "permissions" they see when they download and install the app on an Android phone. It's a long list with 10 items, each of which states that the app needs access to features on your phone including contacts, calendar, location data and Wi-Fi information. Sure, that's a lot of



In this June 11, 2014 photo, a man walks past a Facebook sign in an office on the Facebook campus in Menlo Park, Calif.

personal data. But it's the same data most messaging apps have access to. On the iPhone, users don't get the list of permissions when they install the app, but when they use it, permissions pop up individually. You can view the app's list of permissions here: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.facebook.orca>. Click "view details" under Permissions.

< Myth: Facebook's Messenger app will use your phone's microphone to record you.

< Reality: The app needs permission to use your phone's microphone and camera. But it requires that access because the microphone is needed for

voice calling, a service that the standalone app doesn't, and sending sound with videos. Same with the camera, it needs access if you want to send your friends pictures.

< Myth: Facebook will direct the app to send SMS, or text, messages without your

permission.

< Reality: One of the permissions does say that Facebook can edit, receive, read and send SMS messages. But the company says the reason it wants to send and receive SMS messages is so that if you add a phone number to your Messenger account, you can confirm by a confirmation code that Facebook sends via text message.

< Myth: The Messenger app is new.

< Reality: Facebook's Messenger app has been around since 2011. In April, it started requiring that users in Europe download and install the app if they wish to send messages to Facebook friends. Two weeks ago, the company said it would expand the requirement to other parts of the world. Facebook says it's forcing users to make the switch because a standalone app offers more features. For example, the app is faster, it offers a selfie cam, stickers and can be used to reach people on your contact list who are not Facebook users.

US Postal Service loses \$2B this spring

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Postal Service lost \$2 billion this spring despite increasing its volume and charging consumers more money to send mail, officials said Monday.

The loss for the spring quarter, which ended June 30, was significantly higher than the \$740 million loss for the same three-month period last year. The agency blamed increases in compensation and benefit costs for the red ink and said it would be unable to make a congressionally mandated payment of \$5.7 billion this September for health benefits for future retirees. The loss came despite a 2 percent increase in operating revenue compared to last spring.

"Due to continued losses and low levels of liquidity, we've been extremely conservative with our capital, spending only what is deemed essential to maintain existing infrastructure," said Joseph Corbett, the Postal Service's chief financial officer.

The Postal Service is an independent agency that receives no tax dollars for its day-to-day operations but is subject to con-

gressional control. It has asked to end most Saturday deliveries, a request that is languishing in Congress amid opposition by postal unions. The agency also is seeking to eliminate the congressionally mandated \$5.7 billion annual payment for future retiree health benefits.

Fredric Rolando, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, agrees that Congress should get rid of the 2006 mandated payment but says it would be "irresponsible to degrade services to Americans and their businesses" just as postal delivery is rebounding with the economy. Because more people are shopping online, "the Internet is now a net positive for USPS, auguring well for the future as e-commerce grows," Rolando said in a statement.

The Postal Service has defaulted before on federally mandated annual payments to cover expected health care costs for future retirees. Corbett said the agency also needs \$10 billion to replace old vehicles, buy new package sorting equipment and make other infrastructure upgrades.

Barneys to pay \$525,000 in shopper-profiling probe

NEW YORK (AP)—Barneys has agreed to pay \$525,000 to resolve allegations that minorities were singled out as suspected shoplifters at its flagship store, part of a spate of racial profiling complaints against major retailers last year.

Barneys shoppers and ex-employees complained that detectives followed minority customers around—even after staffers identified them as frequent patrons—and disproportionately investigated their credit-card use, so much so that some salespeople even avoided serving minority shoppers so as to avoid getting calls from store investigators, state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said Monday in announcing the settlement.

Besides the \$525,000 in fines and expenses, Barneys will hire an "anti-profiling consultant" for two years, update its policy and record-keeping on detaining customers suspected of theft, and improve training of security and sales personnel.

"I feel very vindicated today. ... Finally, Barneys appears to have conceded that they unreasonably followed, stopped and detained people who look just like me in their stores," shopper Kayla Phillips said in a statement released by her lawyer, Kareem R. Vessup.

Phillips, who is black, came forward last fall to say she was surrounded by police officers upon leaving the store after buying a \$2,500 handbag in February 2013 with a tem-

porary debit card. Police ultimately let her go.

Barneys CEO Mark Lee said in a statement that the company was pleased with the settlement, first reported by the Daily News. "Barneys New York has prided itself on providing an unparalleled customer experience to every person that comes into contact with our brand—open and welcoming to one and all," Lee said.

Schneiderman's investigation came after public complaints last fall from Phillips and another Barneys shopper, Trayon Christian, who also is black. Both sued the store and the city.

Christian's lawyer noted that a review last fall—commissioned by Barneys—had found the store didn't have a

written or unwritten policy to profile customers.

"We are pleased that Barney's has acknowledged their responsibility," said Christian's lawyer, Michael B. Palillo. "We are hopeful that this offensive and discriminatory conduct will finally come to an end."

Civil rights activist the Rev. Al Sharpton met with Lee to discuss the issue, and the furor spurred an online petition asking rapper Jay-Z to drop his collaboration with the luxury retailer on a holiday collection. Jay-Z ultimately decided to move forward with the project, which raised money for his charitable foundation, under the condition that he helped lead the store's review of its policies.

NY judge to encourage settlements of GM lawsuits

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal judge told lawyers on Monday he'll encourage settlements in lawsuits brought on behalf of nearly 1,000 plaintiffs against General Motors for defective ignition switches.

U.S. District Judge Jesse M. Furman told dozens of lawyers at a hearing that he'll be careful not to interfere with the work

of a bankruptcy judge who is deciding if the Detroit-based automaker's 2009 bankruptcy protects it from economic damages claims.

Furman said he wanted to be "sensitive about stepping on the toes" of the bankruptcy judge but planned to advance the litigation as much as possible nonetheless.

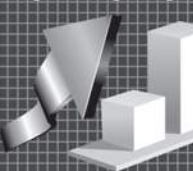
He made introductory re-

marks at an initial hearing after he was chosen to preside over more than 100 lawsuits that were consolidated in New York because of their common attributes. He said he planned "to encourage settlement as much as possible" once any potential payouts were better defined after rulings by the bankruptcy court.

Lawsuits were filed after

General Motors Co. in February began recalling 2.6 million of the cars, mainly Chevrolet Cobalts and Saturn Ions. GM has acknowledged knowing that the switches in its small cars had problems since at least 2001. Federal law requires automakers to report safety defects to the government within five days of discovering them.

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Malaysian Ringgit	3.1979	Taiwan Dollar	30.002
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Nation

Police, protesters again clash outside St. Louis

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—Police in riot gear fired tear gas into a crowd of protesters in a St. Louis suburb where an unarmed black teenager had been fatally shot by police over the weekend, as tension rose even amid calls for collective calm.

Between two nights of unrest, a community forum hosted by the local NAACP chapter Monday night drew hundreds to a sweltering church in Ferguson, the St. Louis County suburb of 21,000 that's nearly 70 percent black and the place where 18-year-old Michael Brown was shot multiple times after being confronted by an officer.

Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson said a large crowd that gathered throughout the day

Monday at the site of a burned-out convenience store turned rowdy at nightfall, throwing rocks at police. Officers used tear gas and shot "beanbag rounds" meant to stun them, he said.

St. Louis County police spokesman Brian Schellman said there were at least five arrests and no reports of looting. Nearly three dozen people had been arrested following a candlelight vigil Sunday night when crowds burned stores, vandalized vehicles, assaulted reporters and taunted officers.

"People are tired. They have reached the end of their rope," said Ruth Latchison Nichols after the NAACP forum, where many more were left waiting

outside once the pews reached capacity. "Enough is enough. This is a state of emergency."

National A A C P President Cornell William Brooks implored residents to "turn



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In this image made with a mobile phone, riot police line up in Ferguson, Mo., Monday, Aug. 11, 2014.



your anger into action" while condemning a violent response to Brown's death.

"To sneak around under the cover of darkness, to steal, to loot, to burn down your neighborhood—this does not require courage," he said. "Courage is when you strive for justice."

"Martin Luther King did not

live and die so that we may steal and lie in the middle of the night," he added.

The FBI has opened an investigation into Brown's death, looking into possible civil rights violations. Witnesses have said that Brown had his hands raised when the unidentified officer approached with his weapon drawn and fired repeatedly.

Brown's parents have been among those calling for calm.

His family, who had planned to drop him off at a technical college Monday to begin his studies, have asked people to share any information and videos they might have related to the shooting.

Authorities have so far been vague about exactly what led the officer to open fire, except to say that the shooting—which is being investigated by the St. Louis County police at the smaller city's request—was pre-

ceded by a scuffle of some kind with a man in which the officer's weapon discharged one time inside a patrol car.

Investigators have refused to publicly disclose the race of the officer, who is now on administrative leave. But Phillip Walker said he was on the porch of an apartment complex overlooking the scene when he heard a shot and saw a white officer with Brown on the street.

Teen held on \$1 million bail in death of girl, 6

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP)—A judge on Monday found probable cause to detain a 17-year-old boy under investigation in the death and sexual assault of a 6-year-old Washington girl.



Wright

Judge Kevin Hull set bail at \$1 million for Gabriel Gaeta after prosecutors said in court filings they had enough evidence to hold the teen on suspicion of first-degree murder with aggravating circumstances, felony murder and first-degree rape of a child.

Kitsap County prosecutor Kelly Montgomery asked for the bail amount "based on the heinous nature of the crime that is alleged."

Court records released Monday showed 6-year-old Jenise Wright suffered blunt-force trauma to the head and was strangled and sexually assaulted. Authorities said they linked evidence found near the girl's body to the DNA of Gaeta, who was friends with her family.

Prosecutors are pursuing the case in Kitsap County Superior Court, where the teen is expected to be tried as an adult.

The judge also granted prosecutors' request for a mental-health review of Gaeta. After the hearing, Kitsap County Prosecutor Russ Hauge said they sought the competency

evaluation to first determine whether they can charge the teen with anything.

"Right now, we're confident we can. We just want to nail that down," Hauge said.

A message left with Gaeta's lawyer Monday was not immediately returned.

Gaeta arrived in court with a black jacket over his head. He spoke softly as he answered the judge's question. His next court date was set for Aug. 28.

Jenise's parents sat in the courtroom's second row.

James Wright, Jenise's father, told The Seattle Times the suspect was a close friend of the family and had visited their home many times.

"It's devastating, and it's going to be hard to forgive," he said.

Court documents lay out grisly details into the death of Jenise, who was last seen when she went to bed Aug. 2 at her family's home in a Bremerton mobile-home park. Officials have said there were no signs of forced entry at the residence and no indication Jenise was taken from her room.

The girl's body was discovered Thursday almost entirely submerged in a nearby muddy bog. It appeared to have been moved between a half-hour and

three hours after she died.

Searchers found a small wood pallet over the body, and also located a nylon duffel bag on top of the pallet. They earlier discovered Jenise's underwear and shorts about 15 to 20 feet from where her body was found.

Authorities say forensic evidence analyzed by the Washington state crime lab linked the clothing to the teen's DNA. The sheriff's office collected DNA cheek swabs from Gaeta and dozens of other nearby residents during the investigation.

Detectives interviewed the teen Saturday, during which time he "clearly nodded yes" when they asked whether he was the only one involved, according to court documents.

"Certainly, as you can see from the probable cause statement, his interactions suggested that he knew that responsibility was rightfully focused on him," Hauge said.

Authorities then searched his home and found evidence, including a blood- and mud-covered shirt and a bloody towel in Gaeta's bedroom.

His residence is two homes away from the access to a wooded trail leading to where the body was found, according to the court document.

A growing memorial at the entrance to the neighborhood includes silver balloons, stuffed animals, lit candles and flowers.

Foreign policy crises intrude on Obama vacations

CHILMARK, Mass. (AP)—Foreign policy crises have a way of intruding on President Barack Obama's Martha's Vineyard vacations.

Obama's last three summer sojourns to this Massachusetts island have coincided with tumult primarily in the Middle East and North Africa, as well as elsewhere around the world.

In 2011, the president's golf outings and beach time were interrupted by briefings and calls to foreign leaders as opposition fighters in Libya gained against

the government of Moammar Gadhafi. After skipping vacation while running for re-election in 2012, Obama returned to Martha's Vineyard in 2013 for a trip that coincided with the Egyptian military's ouster of that country's first democratically elected leader.

And this year, Obama is vacationing against the backdrop of U.S. airstrikes and political chaos in Iraq, along with tensions between Israel and Hamas and between Russia and Ukraine. The president spoke about the situ-

ation on the ground Monday afternoon from a podium set up at a house near his vacation rental and again at a Democratic fundraiser in a nearby town that night.

"We're seeing around the world incredible challenges, many of them all coming to a head at the same time," he told donors gathered under a tent on an expansive lawn overlooking the water. But he said the crises underscore the degree to which "people are constantly interested in finding out how America can solve these problems."

Lawyer: No drugs, booze in woman beaten by officer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An attorney for a woman seen on video being repeatedly punched by a California Highway Patrol officer said tests show she had no drugs or alcohol in her system.

Drivers who called 911 before the incident said 51-year-old Marlene Pinnock was barefoot on the shoulder of a Los Angeles freeway or attempting to cross lanes of traffic and appeared high or drunk. One caller said she appeared "loaded."

Attorney Carree Harper said Pinnock has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and the homeless woman was off her medications for roughly two to three months when the July 1

altercation occurred.

The medication "tends to make you drowsy so she had to regulate when she gets drowsy for safety purposes," Harper said. She added that Pinnock was previously misdiagnosed with a different mental illness and had been failed by the system.

The CHP said Pinnock was endangering herself by walking on Interstate 10 and the officer was trying to restrain her. The agency has pledged a rapid investigation.

CHP spokeswoman Sgt. Melissa Hammond couldn't confirm whether the agency has Pinnock's medical records but said if it did, they wouldn't be released because

of the investigation.

The woman whose videotaped beating by a California Highway Patrol officer sparked outrage told The Associated Press on Sunday that she believes the officer was trying to kill her and she wants him fired.

Pinnock recalled being repeatedly punched in the head while being pinned by the officer.

"He grabbed me, he threw me down, he started beating me, he beat me. I felt like he was trying to kill me, beat me to death," Pinnock said.

Pinnock was released from the hospital last week after several weeks of treatment for head injuries, and now, she slurs her speech, Harper said.

Asia

No solution in sight on sea row after Myanmar meet

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Despite U.S. and Asian calls for self-restraint and new impetus for the resolution of territorial disputes involving China, a high-profile Asian security summit ended over the weekend where it began, with no solution of the rifts in sight.

China dismissed a new U.S. proposal for a freeze on hostile actions that could heighten tensions in the disputed South China Sea, leaving Washington unable to overturn an impression that it can do little to back up allies at odds with Beijing over the contested waters and islands. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, remains divided and is similarly unable to pressure China to back down.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was overseeing multiple crises unraveling in Iraq, Gaza and Ukraine as he flew to Myanmar's capital of Naypyitaw to attend the annual ASEAN Regional Forum, Asia's premier security gathering of 27 Asian and Western countries, including China.

Under Kerry's proposal, China and the four ASEAN members that have long disputed strategic South China Sea territories—Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam—should voluntarily halt provocative actions, including occupying new islands or reclaiming land to enlarge naturally submerged reefs. Taiwan, which is not an ASEAN member, also contests the territories.

The Philippines, a U.S. treaty ally, backed Kerry's proposal and also urged the full enforcement of a 2002 accord that also called for an end to tension-producing actions as well as long-term arbitration that could eventually resolve the claims under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

ASEAN, a key battleground for in-

fluence between the U.S. and China, generally has backed American calls for an easing of tensions, including the start of negotiations for a binding regional "code of conduct" to govern activities involving conflicting claims. But China has resisted, and progress on the code has been slow.

"The United States and ASEAN have a common responsibility to ensure the maritime safety of critical global sea lanes and ports," Kerry told foreign ministers at the meeting. "We need to work together to manage tensions in the South China Sea and manage them peacefully and also to manage them on a basis of international law."

As expected, China reacted coldly, saying that the tensions were being overblown.

"Someone has been exaggerating or even playing up the so-called tension in the South China Sea," Kerry's Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, told reporters. "We do not agree with such a practice, and we call for vigilance in the motives behind them."

ASEAN foreign ministers later issued a joint statement saying they would ask lower-level diplomats to intensify consultations with China on ways to enforce the 2002 agreement in its entirety, including two provisions that embody the U.S. and Philippine calls for self-restraint and a halt to hostile actions, and an early start of the negotiations on a legally binding code.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario expressed frustration over the non-enforcement of the 2002 accord.

The accord "has been there since 2002. We keep talking about it but nobody follows it," he told reporters in Manila on Monday.

The meetings in Myanmar were the first chance for top diplomats from



In this March 30, 2014 file photo, Philippine Marines raise the Philippine flag on the first day of their deployment on the dilapidated navy ship LT57 BRP Sierra Madre at the disputed Second Thomas Shoal, locally known as Ayungin Shoal, off the South China Sea.

countries involved in the territorial disputes to gather after China deployed a deep-sea oil rig in May near islands claimed by Vietnam.

China's withdrawal of the rig in mid-July removed an irritant but left a legacy of anger and strained relations with Vietnam and questions among China's other neighbors about its long-term strategy.

China's decision to withdraw the rig helped lower temperatures ahead of

the ASEAN gathering, where China highlighted major economic plans, including a proposal to set up an Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank to provide financial support for regional infrastructure projects.

Without an effective U.S. deterrence or a united ASEAN, China will continue to confront rival claimants, said Carl Thayer, an expert on South China Sea territorial issues and an emeritus professor at the Australian

Defence Force Academy.

"The bottom line is that the United States has not yet articulated an effective strategy for itself to deter China and impose a cost on China's actions," Thayer said. "In sum, China will continue to build up, expand and consolidate its presence."

It wasn't clear who left the Myanmar meetings with an upper hand because of the lack of a clear consensus on the disputes.

Philippine ex-general in kidnapping case captured

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine security forces on Tuesday captured a fugitive former army general wanted in the kidnapping of two students, fulfilling a promise by President Benigno Aquino III to bring high-profile criminal suspects to justice, official said.

Military spokesman Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala said military intelligence and National Bureau of Investigation agents arrested Jovito Palparan in a hideout in a district of Manila.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima said the arrest of Palparan shows that the Aquino government is determined to "end the culture of impunity" characterized by rampant human rights violations under Aquino's predecessor, Gloria Arroyo.

Palparan, 63, has been on the run since December 2011 after a court issued a warrant for his arrest in the kidnapping and disappearance of two female left-wing activists in Bulacan province north of Manila in 2006.

The two remain missing. The retired major general, who was in charge of a regional army unit, has denied any involvement.

Human rights groups and a U.N. investigator have blamed security forces for the deaths and disappearances of about 1,000 activists between 2001 and 2010 under Arroyo. The former president gave the military a free hand in what it called an all-out war against communist rebels.

Aquino's government has said it wants justice for the missing students,

Karen Empeno and Sherlyn Cadapan, to improve the Philippines' human rights record after a decade of abuses under the Arroyo administration.

"The human rights community, domestic and international community, has long waited for this," de Lima told reporters.

She said an arraignment date will be set by a court in Bulacan's provincial capital of Malolos.

A breakthrough in the case came late Monday when naval intelligence agents checked a tipoff from an informant and spotted Palparan in the crowded suburban Manila neighborhood, said military intelligence service chief Maj. Gen. Eduardo Ano, who headed a task force assigned to capture the fugitive general.

Seoul calls for high-level talks with North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea on Monday proposed high-level talks with rival North Korea next week to discuss resuming reunions of Korean War-divided families, a proposal that could lead to the easing of tensions after months of North Korean missile tests and heated rhetoric from both countries.

The South Korean Unification Ministry said in a statement that it sug-

gested meeting Aug. 19 on the North Korean side of the truce border village of Panmunjom. There was no immediate response from Pyongyang.

The ministry said it hoped to focus on possible family reunions over Chuseok, a major holiday celebrated in both countries that falls on Sept. 8. It also wants to discuss other issues of "mutual interest," but a ministry official, who would speak

only on condition of anonymity, citing department rules, couldn't elaborate.

The Koreans last had a high-level meeting in February. Since then, North Korea has conducted an unusually large number of missile and artillery tests. Pyongyang also has insulted South Korea's leader, calling her a prostitute, and expressed fury over U.S.-South Korean military drills.

ASIA BRIEFS

Thailand building collapse kills 3, traps 7

BANGKOK (AP)—A six-story building under construction on the outskirts of Thailand's capital collapsed Monday, killing three workers and trapping at least seven others underneath the rubble, police said. Emergency teams rescued seven people from the site and were trying to free the rest, police Maj. Gen. Smithi Mookdasanit said. Smithi said there were about 30 workers in the area at the time of the collapse. It was unclear what caused the accident. The building, located just north of Bangkok in neighboring Pathumthani province, was to be a dormitory for a local vocational college.

Nepal gay community parades for same-sex marriage

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Tooting horns and ringing chimes, hundreds of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transvestites paraded through Nepal's capital Monday for a colorful celebration of Gaijatra, a Hindu festival to remember the dead that is gleefully overtaken each year by the country's gay community. In this socially conservative Hindu-majority

nation, the festival was traditionally the only day people felt free to cross-dress. But social norms are changing fast as this fledgling Himalayan democracy emerges from centuries of religious monarchy. A government committee is recommending same-sex marriage be guaranteed in a new constitution—an unprecedented move that would give gay and lesbian couples the right to adopt, buy joint property, open joint bank accounts and inherit from one another. All of the country's political parties have already backed the idea, and many within the small gay community hope the new constitution can be passed this year.

NATO soldier killed in attack in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—NATO says one of its service members has been killed in an attack in eastern Afghanistan. The international military coalition says the attack happened on Tuesday but gave no other details. Coalition policy is for home countries to identify their military dead. The death brings to 51 the number of NATO service members who have died in Afghanistan so far this year, including 38 Americans.

World

Iraq crisis deepens; US directly arms Kurds

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq's president snubbed incumbent Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and picked another politician Monday to form the next government, setting up a fierce political power struggle even as the country battles extremists in the north and west.

The showdown came as the United States increased its role in fighting back Sunni extremists of the Islamic State group that is threatening the autonomous Kurdish region in the north. Senior American officials said U.S. intelligence agencies are directly arming the Kurds who are battling the militants in what would be a shift in Washington's policy of only working through the central government in Baghdad.

U.S. warplanes carried out new strikes Sunday, hitting a convoy of Sunni militants moving to attack Kurdish forces defending the autonomous zone's capital, Irbil. The recent American airstrikes have helped the Kurds achieve one of their first victories after weeks of retreat as peshmerga fighters over the weekend recaptured two towns near Irbil.

The Pentagon's director of operations said the effort will do little to slow Islamic State militants overall.

Haider al-Ibadi, the deputy speaker of parliament from al-Maliki's Shiite Dawa party, was selected by President Fouad Massoum to be the new prime minister and was given 30 days to present a new government to lawmakers for approval.

U.S. President Barack Obama called al-Ibadi's nomination a "promising step forward" and he urged "all Iraqi political leaders to work peacefully through the political process."

But al-Maliki, who has been in power for eight years, defiantly rejected al-Ibadi's nomination as prime minister. In a speech after midnight Sunday, he accused Massoum of blocking his reappointment as prime minister and carrying out "a coup against the constitution and the political process."

In another speech broadcast Monday night, al-Maliki insisted al-Ibadi's nomination "runs against the constitutional procedures" and he accused the United States of siding with po-

U.S. involvement

Recent U.S. air strikes have destroyed an ISIS convoy on its way to the city of Irbil, aiding in the Kurdish forces defense of the city. Air drops on Mt. Sinjar have aided 50,000 refugees with food, water and solar phone chargers.



litical forces "who have violated the constitution."

"Today, we are facing a grave constitutional breach and we have appealed and we have the proof that we are the largest bloc," al-Maliki said.

"We assure all the Iraqi peo-

ple and the political groups that there is no importance or value to this nomination," he added.

But despite angrily insisting he should be nominated for a third term, al-Maliki has lost some support with the main coalition of Shiite parties. His

critics say al-Maliki contributed to Iraq's political crisis by monopolizing power and pursuing a sectarian agenda that alienated the country's Sunni and Kurdish minorities.

In welcoming the new Iraqi leadership amid the country's worst crisis since U.S. troops withdrew in 2011, Obama said the only lasting solution is the formation of an inclusive government.

"These have been difficult days in Iraq," Obama said while on vacation on Martha's Vineyard. "I'm sure there are going to be difficult days ahead."

The nomination of al-Ibadi came hours after al-Maliki deployed his elite security troops in the streets of Baghdad. Hundreds of his supporters were escorted to a popular rally site by military trucks, raising fears he might try to stay in power by force.

"We are with you, al-Maliki," they shouted, waving posters of him as they sang and danced.

Al-Ibadi, the former minister

of communications from 2003-04, pledged to form a government to "protect the Iraqi people." He was nominated after receiving the majority of votes from lawmakers within the Iraqi National Alliance, a coalition of Shiite parties.

A peaceful transition is looking increasingly unlikely, given al-Maliki's reputation for having replaced many senior Sunni officers with less-experienced, more loyal Shiite officers.

"One of the major concerns (the U.S.) had in 2010 is the degree to which al-Maliki was trying to coup-proof his military," said Richard Brennan, an expert on Iraqi special forces at Rand Corporation and former U.S. Department of Defense policymaker. "The U.S. worked hard with the military to make them understand that loyalty had to be to country, not to al-Maliki, but al-Maliki cut the forces to replace competent people with less-competent people loyal to him."

Police show images of child thrown to rail tracks

LONDON (AP)—British Transport Police have released harrowing images of a child in a stroller being blown by tunnel wind onto London subway tracks and a woman leaping to

the rescue moments before a train arrived.

Authorities say the July 23 incident occurred when a man placed the pushchair at the base of a Goodge Street station

staircase before going to help others with luggage. The images show the pushchair rolling to the tracks and the woman jumping to the tracks in terror to grab the baby. Police are

seeking to identify the couple.

The CCTV images were released Monday. BTP chief inspector Mark Lawrie says police want to "ensure the child wasn't injured."



In this combination image taken from video recorded on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 and provided by the British Transport Police on Monday Aug. 11, 2014, a child in a buggy is blown on to subway tracks at Goodge Street underground station, London.

Liberian doctors to get experimental Ebola drug

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)—Liberia announced Monday that it would soon receive doses of an experimental Ebola drug and give it to two sick doctors, making them the first Africans to receive some of the scarce treatment in a spiraling outbreak.

The U.S. government confirmed that it had put Liberian officials in touch with the maker of ZMapp, and referred additional questions to Mapp Biopharmaceutical Inc. In a statement, the California-based

company said that in responding to a request from an unidentified West African country, it had run out of its supply of the treatment.

The news comes as anger is growing over the fact that the only people to receive the experimental treatment so far have been Westerners: two Americans and a Spaniard, all of whom were evacuated to their home countries from Liberia.

Late Monday, the World Health Organization said 1,013

people had died in the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Authorities have recorded 1,848 suspected, probable or confirmed cases of the disease, the U.N. health agency said. The updated WHO tally includes figures from Aug. 7-9 when 52 more people died and 69 more were infected.

There is no Ebola vaccine or treatment available, but there are several in development besides ZMapp. That treatment is so new that it hasn't been tested for safety or effectiveness in

humans. And the company has said it would take months to produce even modest quantities.

It was unclear how much of the treatment would be sent to Liberia.

"The U.S. Government assisted in connecting the Government of Liberia with the manufacturer," the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement. "Since the drug was shipped for use outside the U.S., appropriate export procedures had to be followed."

Gaza cease-fire takes hold as negotiators gather

CAIRO (AP)—As a new temporary truce took hold, negotiators from Israel and the Hamas militant group resumed indirect talks Monday to reach a long-term cease-fire in the Gaza Strip.

The two sides huddled in an Egyptian government building for nine consecutive hours, a Palestinian official said Monday, in what are expected to be marathon negotiations in the coming days.

The Palestinian delegations were more optimistic Monday, the Palestinian official told The Associated Press, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the negotiations with the media. He said progress was made on several issues.

The 72-hour truce, brokered by Egypt, took effect just after midnight, in the second attempt to halt a month of heavy fighting between the sides.

A similar three-day truce collapsed on Friday when militants resumed rocket fire on Israel after the sides were unable to make any headway in Egyptian-brokered negotiations for a more lasting deal. Hamas is seeking an end to an Israeli-Egyptian border blockade, while Israel wants Hamas to disarm.

The monthlong war, pitting the Israeli military against rocket-firing Hamas militants, has killed more than 1,900 Palestinians, the majority civilians, Palestinian and U.N. officials say. In Israel, 67 people have

been killed, all but three of them soldiers, officials there say.

The halt in violence allowed Palestinians in war-battered Gaza to leave homes and shelters.

On Monday morning, high school students in Gaza filled the streets as they headed to pick up their graduation certificates after the Education Ministry said they'd be ready. People waited to buy fuel for generators as power and communication workers struggled to fix cables damaged in the fighting. Long lines formed at ATMs.

Last week's talks failed in part because Israel rejected Hamas' demand for a complete end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip, enforced by Egypt and Israel. Israel says the closure is necessary to prevent arms smuggling, and officials do not want to make any concessions that would allow Hamas to declare victory.

The blockade has greatly limited the movement of Palestinians in and out of the impoverished territory of 1.8 million people for jobs and schooling. It has also limited the flow of goods into Gaza and blocked virtually all exports. Unemployment there is more than 50 percent.

Hamas officials have since signaled that they will have more modest goals in the current round of talks.

Bassam Salhi, a Palestinian delegation member, said he was optimistic ahead of Monday's talks.

Focus



In this Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, Displaced Iraqis from the Yazidi community gather for humanitarian aid at the Iraq-Syria border at Feeshkhabour border point.

SEMALKA, Syria (AP)—Trucks and jeeps trundled slowly across the pontoon bridge, packed with refugees, with children poking their dusty heads out of the windows and truck beds. Nearby, a distraught father frantically scanned them as they passed, hoping to catch sight of his missing son.

Beside him, a young man searched for his sister, who he fears was snatched by extremists.

Unknown numbers, perhaps hundreds, of men, women and children went missing in the chaos as tens of thousands of Iraqis from the Yazidi religious minority fled in a panic from marauding militants, then spent a week hidden in a barren mountain range before finally making their way into neighboring Syria. The loss of loved ones adds even more suffering to people who spent days stranded in the Sinjar mountains under a blazing sun with barely any food or water.

Some of the missing may have been gunned down by militants during the escape. Others were lost as families scattered in panic under gunfire from extremists chasing them into the mountains. Dizzy from thirst, some adults lost track of children in the crowds in the mountains. Some women may have been abducted by militants, and Iraqi and U.S. officials say they believe hundreds of women are being held captive by the radical Islamic State group.

"There are many missing, many," said Naji

For Iraq Yazidis, a frantic search for the missing

Khano, who lost his 17-year-old son Sherwan as he fled gunmen.

At the Semalka crossing, crowds of Yazidis made their way back from Syria on Sunday and Monday into the relative safety of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region in the north. Trucks, jeeps and cars full of Yazidis inched across a pontoon bridge over the Tigris River, which forms the border here. Hundreds of other refugees milled among them on foot, some barefoot, lips cracked from thirst, clutching water bottles, watermelons and flat bread loaves distributed by aid workers.

Some men walked into the Tigris river to cool off; mothers bathed their children. One woman walked weeping; a boy held her hand. Most said

"They disappeared. We were for six days in the mountains without food and water, how could we know what happened to them?"

they had not eaten in days.

And many searched for their missing relatives among the crowds. There was no way of knowing how many were missing with the situation still in flux. But over the course of one hour on Sunday, at least a dozen Yazidis said they had lost family members whose fates are now unknown.

"My sister is missing," 22-year-old Amer Qassem said as he walked among the crowds.

Qassem said he and dozens of his extended family fled their village of Tel Qassab the night of Aug. 2 when they heard fighters from the Islamic State group were approaching. The militants consider Yazidis as heretics. As the sun rose, militants riding a jeep mounted with a machine-gun spotted them, and opened fire.

"We ran everywhere, we were terrified. We lost each other," Qassem said. The jeep zoomed away. As the extended family regrouped, they realized some women—maybe 10—were missing.

"My sister Amira was one of them," he said. "My father is a broken man now, he does not know what to do if something will happen to her."

Two other men earlier told The AP they saw militants round up women at a checkpoint as they shot the men in two different villages.

Like others fleeing Yazidi-majority villages in the area, Qassem's family scrambled up the nearby Sinjar mountains, a 60-kilometer (40-mile) range that the Yazidis consider a holy site. There they

remained for days, until Kurdish Syrian fighters battled the militants to clear a path for the Yazidis to escape into nearby Syria. Once there, they walked or hitched rides further north to Semalka to cross into Iraq's Kurdish-controlled areas.

Dakhil Atuseld lost his sister-in-law Wadha and his aunt Laila as they fled the village of Siba under fire from militants.

"They disappeared," he said. "We were for six days in the mountains without food and water, how could we know what happened to them?"

The confusion of fleeing under fire was so great that Hanash Hamo can't even say for sure who was last holding his 3-year-old daughter, Jalila. Now the girl has vanished, along with two others of his children, Suad and Azad, he said, showing their identification cards.

Another man, Hussein Haji, said he had lost contact with over 25 relatives in the village of Solakh. He showed pictures of them on his phone—baby Sam, dressed in pink swaddling clothes, missing alongside his mother; Nashwan, a teenage boy; and Alina, a smiling girl, also missing along with her mother.

"Can you find my children?" asked another elderly man, Hashem Saleh, when he saw a crowd gather around a reporter. His daughters, 12 and 15 years old, and two sons, 24 and 14, were gone, lost as the crowds descended from the mountain through a desert valley toward the Syrian border.

"Who can help me find them?" Saleh pleaded, his white baggy pants, shirt and droopy moustache caked brown with dirt.

Others tried to reassure him that his children probably hitched rides and were probably already in a camp for the displaced in northern Iraq. But he insisted he would not leave the border crossing until he found them. By evening, he was nowhere to be seen; there was no way of knowing if he found his family.

Campus Life

5 tips for sensible back-to-school spending

By ALEX VEIGA
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Students may not be thrilled about their summer break drawing to a close, but retailers couldn't be happier.

That's because back-to-school shopping traditionally brings in a windfall that's second only to the December holiday season.

The average family with kids in kindergarten through 12th

grade will spend \$669.28 on clothes, electronics and other school-related needs this back-to-school season, according to a survey by the National Retail Federation. That amounts to a 5 percent increase from last year.

To help gin up sales, many stores roll out discounts and some states even get in on the act, offering sales tax holidays for clothing, backpacks, even computers.

Hit the stores without a plan,

and you could end up over-spending.

"It's an important time to keep a handle on your finances because in the frenzy to get organized it's easy to make bad purchase decisions," said Jack Gillis, director of public affairs for the Consumer Federation of America.

Here are five ways to make sure your back-to-school shopping spree stays doesn't empty your wallet:

1. MAKE A BUDGET

You know what you need, but do you know how much you can afford?

This is the key to keeping an annual shopping trip from swelling into a full-on spree.

Establish a budget that lays out how much you plan to spend on school supplies, clothing, shoes and other immediate needs. Then stick to it.

A good strategy is to begin with what you needed last year. Odds are that won't change too much from one year to the next. Items like pens, pencils and notebooks tend to be priced competitively. But resist splurging on fancy organizers, desk sets and other items you often can do without.

2. SHOP ON TAX HOLIDAYS

More than a dozen states

are giving shoppers a break from paying the state sales tax on certain purchases. The sales tax holidays usually last around three days. The savings can run anywhere from 3 percent to about 7 percent.

In most cases, they apply to clothing and footwear, though typically states restrict the benefit to items that cost \$100 or less. Some states also include school supplies and big-ticket items, such as computers.

"All of America loves a sale and this is a sale paid for by government," said Verenda Smith, deputy director of the Federation of Tax Administrators, an association for state tax administrators.

However, you could end up paying local sales taxes, if any.

And if you're buying online, the sales tax holidays apply only if the address where the item will be shipped is located in a state offering the sales tax break, Smith said.

Here's a list of states offering sales tax holidays this year and links to each state website with details on timing and what kind

This product image released by Staples shows a variety of Slap Bracelet Rulers. The average family with kids in kindergarten through 12th grade will spend \$669.28 on apparel, shoes, supplies and electronics, up five percent from last year, according to the trade group's 2014 Back-to-School Survey.

of purchases qualify: http://tax-admin.org/fta/rate/sales_holiday.html.

3. USE CREDIT WISELY

It can be tempting to sign up for a store credit card. Many often entice customers with built-in savings on store purchases and other perks. But think it through, especially if you anticipate not being able to pay down the balance before you start racking up monthly interest charges.

"Unless you're going to be paying that bill off right away, that great bargain will be quickly eroded by 15-to-19 percent interest rates," said Gillis.

4. SHOP AROUND

One of the best ways to save money is to comparison shop. This is particularly true for notebooks and other office supplies, as well as clothing.

It may take a little more of a time commitment, and it may mean ordering items online, so be sure that your savings are

worthwhile after you factor in shipping costs.

One way to see if you're getting the best deal is to use price comparison smartphone apps such as PriceGrabber and RedLaser. Users scan the bar code on a product and the apps display a list of stores, if any, where the item is available and at what price.

Another way to get more for your back-to-school money is shopping online at sites like Goodshop.com, which offers coupons good at more than 5,000 stores that then donate up to 20 percent of your purchase to a school or other cause.

5. CONSIDER WAITING

Sure, the stores for-sale signs scream deals to be had. But what's the harm in waiting a few weeks?

You may not get the same selection, but bargains can be found after the school year begins and stores move to clear out shelves to make space for the next batch of seasonal items.



AP

This product image released by Kipling USA shows the Kipling Seoul Print Backpack with laptop protection.

Getting started: College textbook-shopping tips

By CAROLYN BIGDA
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Back-to-school shopping has started, and for college students, that means figuring out how to pay for at least one big expense: textbooks.

The average student at a four-year public college spends about \$1,200 per year on course books and materials, according to the College Board, a nonprofit organization whose members are made up of colleges and educational institutions.

The bill has climbed dramatically in recent years.

From 2002 to 2012, textbook prices rose at an average rate of 6 percent annually, or about three times the rate of inflation,

according to the Government Accountability Office.

Critics say the frequent roll-out of updated editions for textbooks, often with little new content, has helped drive up prices. Workbooks and other materials that get bundled with books can also inflate costs.

Still, some progress has been made recently toward helping students afford their textbooks.

Because of the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act, publishers are now required to inform college faculty about substantial changes to a book's content, along with pricing.

And schools are required to list a textbook's price and International Standard Book Number in course registration

materials.

The idea is that with more information, faculty and students should be able to make cost-saving choices. There are also a number of ways for students to get textbooks, from buying used to renting for a semester.

A FEW OPTIONS:

Shop online. A book's ISBN is a unique identifying numeric code. Punch it into a search engine—whether at your college bookstore or an online marketplace—and you can easily compare prices.

It's worth shopping around.

Students taking Intro to Biology this fall at the University of Oklahoma, for example, will need the textbook, "Campbell Biology." A new copy of the lat-

est edition runs \$241 at the college bookstore.

But you can buy the book used at the bookstore for \$181. A search on websites such as Affordablebook.com, Bigwords.com and BookFinder.com turned up even better deals, as low as \$30 for a used copy.

The drawbacks: If you buy online, shipping times and costs will vary. Although many online sellers allow refunds within 21 days of purchase (handy if you decide to drop a class), not all do. And used books may lack CDs or electronic codes that let you access course content online. Those items would have to be bought separately.

Rent. Buying a hardcover copy is not the only way to get a

textbook these days.

You can also rent, either from online retailers or college bookstores. In fact, almost all of the 3,000 members of the National Association of College Stores now have a book rental program.

Many rental agreements last a full semester, including final exam periods. And when the term is up, you simply return the book. You don't have to worry about storing or reselling the book.

The drawbacks: Rental costs are comparatively inexpensive, but you have to return books by their due date and keep the books in good shape (light highlighting and note-taking is usually fine). Otherwise, additional fees apply. And because rentals are often used books, they may lack

those supplemental materials mentioned earlier, such as CDs and electronic access codes.

Go electronic. Finally, if you don't mind reading your assignments online, consider an e-textbook.

Digital books can be rented or bought, again for a fraction of the cost of buying new. You can access the text on most devices (you don't need a dedicated e-reader). And there are tools that let you highlight, take notes and so on.

The drawbacks: You may have to be connected to the Internet to access the text or download an app to your computer or other device.

And you have to be comfortable with reading and learning electronically—not a stretch for most young adults these days, but still something to consider.

Life & Style

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Robin Williams, a brilliant shapeshifter who could channel his frenetic energy into delightful comic characters like “Mrs. Doubtfire” or harness it into richly nuanced work like his Oscar-winning turn in “Good Will Hunting,” died Monday in an apparent suicide. He was 63.

Williams was pronounced dead at his San Francisco Bay Area home Monday, according to the sheriff’s office in Marin County, north of San Francisco. The sheriff’s office said the preliminary investigation shows the cause of death to be a suicide due to asphyxia.

The Marin County coroner’s office said Williams was last seen alive at home at about 10 p.m. Sunday. An emergency call from his house in Tiburon was placed to the Sheriff’s Department shortly before noon Monday.

“This morning, I lost my husband and my best friend, while the world lost one of its most beloved artists and beautiful human beings. I am utterly heartbroken,” said Williams’ wife, Susan Schneider. “On behalf of Robin’s family, we are asking for privacy during our time of profound grief. As he is remembered, it is our hope the focus will not be on Robin’s death, but on the countless moments of joy and laughter he gave to millions.”

Williams had been battling severe depression recently, said Mara Buxbaum, his press representative. Just last month, he announced he was returning to a 12-step treatment program he said he needed after 18 months of nonstop work. He had sought treatment in 2006 after a relapse following 20 years of sobriety.

From his breakthrough in the late 1970s as the alien in the hit TV show “Mork & Mindy,” through his standup act and such films as “Good Morning, Vietnam,” the short, barrel-chested Williams ranted and shouted as if just sprung from solitary confinement. Loud, fast and manic, he parodied everyone from John Wayne to Keith Richards, impersonating a Russian immigrant as easily as a pack of Nazi attack dogs.

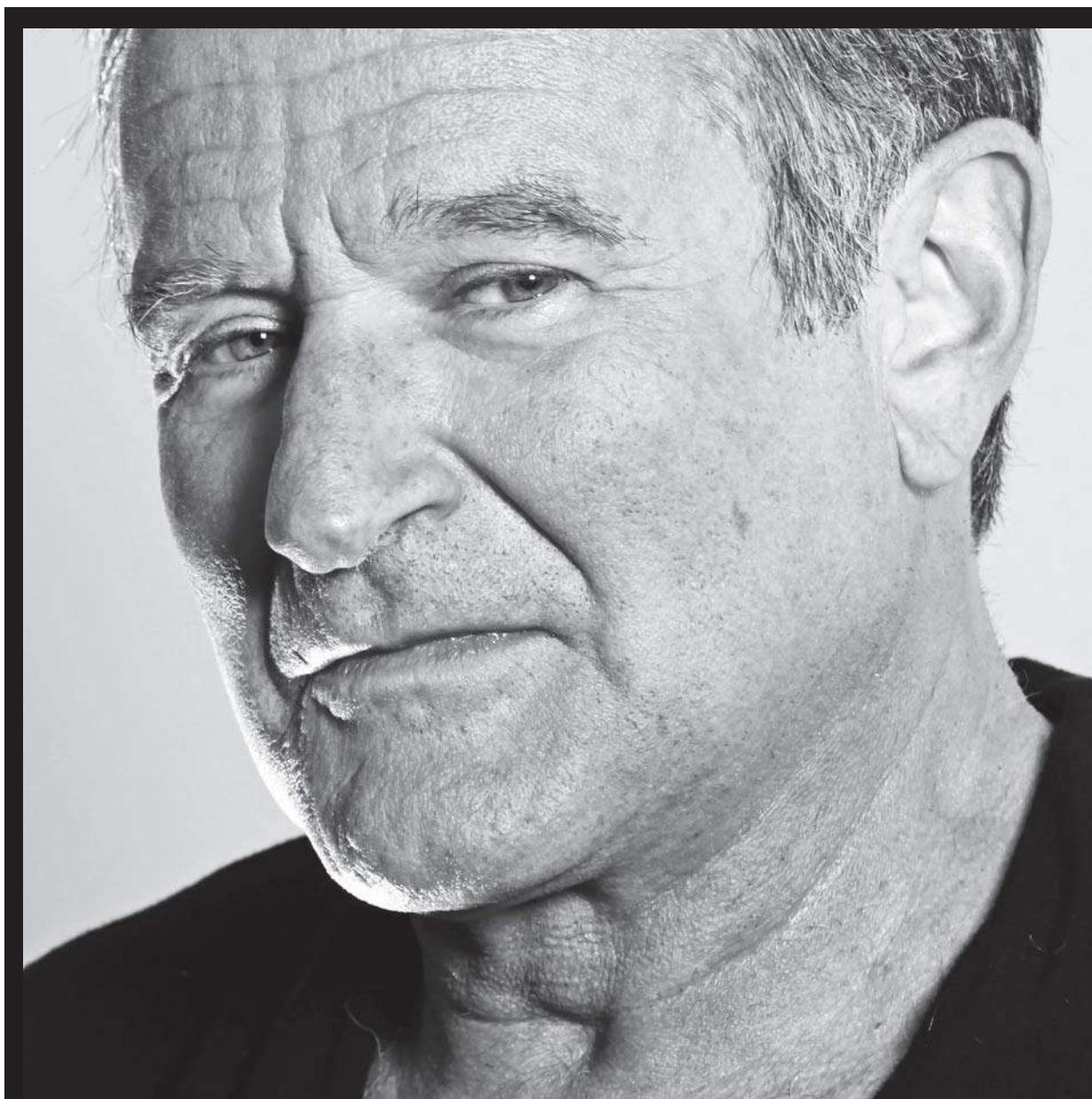
He was a riot in drag in “Mrs. Doubtfire,” or as a cartoon genie in “Aladdin.” He won his Academy Award in a rare dramatic role, as an empathetic therapist in the 1997 film “Good Will Hunting.”

He was no less on fire in interviews. During a 1989 chat with The Associated Press, he could barely stay seated in his hotel room, or even mention the film he was supposed to promote, as he free-associated about comedy and the cosmos.

“There’s an Ice Age coming,” he said. “But the good news is there’ll be daiquiris for everyone and the Ice Capades will be everywhere. The lobster will keep for at least 100 years, that’s the good news. The Swanson dinners will last a whole millennium. The bad news is the house will basically be in Arkansas.”

As word of his death spread, tributes from inside and outside the entertainment industry poured in.

“Robin Williams was an airman, a doctor, a genie, a nanny, a president, a professor, a bangarang Peter Pan, and everything in between. But he was one of a kind. He arrived in our lives as an alien—but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit. He made us laugh. He made us cry. He gave his immeasurable talent freely and generously to those who needed it most—from our



This Aug. 14, 2009 file photo shows actor Robin Williams in Los Angeles. AP

Robin Williams, boisterous comedy star, dead at 63

troops stationed abroad to the marginalized on our own streets,” President Barack Obama said in a statement.

Following Williams on stage, Billy Crystal once observed, was like trying to top the Civil War. In a 1993 interview with the AP, Williams recalled an appearance early in his career on “The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson.” Bob Hope was also there.

“It was interesting,” Williams said. “He was supposed to go on before me and I was supposed to follow him, and I had to go on before him because he was late. I don’t think that made him happy. I don’t think he was angry, but I don’t think he was pleased.”

“I had been on the road and I came out, you know, gassed, and I killed and had a great time. Hope comes out and Johnny leans over and says, ‘Robin Williams, isn’t he funny?’ Hope says, ‘Yeah, he’s wild. But you know, Johnny, it’s great to be back here with you.’”

In 1992, Carson chose Williams and Bette Midler as his final guests.

Like so many funny men, Williams had dramatic ambitions. He played for tears in “Awakenings,” “Dead Po-

ets Society” and “What Dreams May Come,” which led New York Times critic Stephen Holden to write that he dreaded seeing the actor’s “Humpty Dumpty grin and crinkly moist eyes.”

But other critics approved, and Williams won three Golden Globes, for “Good Morning, Vietnam,” “Mrs. Doubtfire” and “The Fisher King.”

His other film credits included Robert Altman’s “Popeye” (a box office bomb), Paul Mazursky’s “Moscow on the Hudson,” Steven Spielberg’s “Hook” and Woody Allen’s “Deconstructing Harry.” On stage, Williams joined fellow comedian Steve Martin in a 1988 Broadway revival of “Waiting for Godot.”

“Robin was a lightning storm of comic genius and our laughter was the thunder that sustained him. He was a pal and I can’t believe he’s gone,” Spielberg said.

More recently, he appeared in the “Night at the Museum” movies, playing President Theodore Roosevelt in the comedies in which Ben Stiller’s security guard has to contend with wax figures that come alive and wreak havoc after a museum closes. The third film in the

series is in post-production, according to the Internet Movie Database.

In April, Fox 2000 said it was developing a sequel to “Mrs. Doubtfire” and Williams was in talks to join the production.

Williams also made a short-lived return to TV last fall in CBS’ “The Crazy Ones,” a sitcom about a father-daughter ad agency team that co-starred Sarah Michelle Gellar. It was canceled after one season.

“I dread the word ‘art,’” Williams said in 1989 when discussing his craft with the AP. “That’s what we used to do every night before we’d go on with ‘Waiting for Godot.’ We’d go, ‘No art. Art dies tonight.’ We’d try to give it a life, instead of making ‘Godot’ so serious. It’s cosmic vaudeville staged by the Marquis de Sade.”

His personal life was often short on laughter. He had acknowledged drug and alcohol problems in the 1970s and ‘80s and was among the last to see John Belushi before the “Saturday Night Live” star died of a drug overdose in 1982.

Williams announced in 2006 that he was drinking again but rebounded

well enough to joke about it during his recent tour. “I went to rehab in wine country,” he said, “to keep my options open.” The following year, he told the AP that people were surprised he was no longer clean.

“I fell off the wagon after 20 years and people are like, ‘Really?’ Well, yeah. It only kicks in when you really want to change,” he said.

Born in Chicago in 1951, Williams would remember himself as a shy kid who got some early laughs from his mother—by mimicking his grandmother. He opened up more in high school when he joined the drama club, and he was accepted into the Juilliard Academy, where he had several classes in which he and Christopher Reeve were the only students and John Houseman was the teacher.

Encouraged by Houseman to pursue comedy, Williams identified with the wildest and angriest of performers: Jonathan Winters, Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor, George Carlin. Their acts were not warm and lovable. They were just being themselves.

“You look at the world and see how scary it can be sometimes and still try to deal with the fear,” he said in 1989. “Comedy can deal with the fear and still not paralyze you or tell you that it’s going away. You say, OK, you got certain choices here, you can laugh at them and then once you’ve laughed at them and you have expunged the demon, now you can deal with them. That’s what I do when I do my act.”

He unveiled Mork, the alien from the planet Ork, in an appearance on “Happy Days” and was granted his own series, which ran from 1978 to 1982 and co-starred Pam Dawber as a woman who takes in the interplanetary visitor.

“I am completely and totally devastated,” Dawber said in a statement. “What more can be said?”

Following his success in films, Williams often returned to television—for appearances on “Saturday Night Live,” for “Friends,” for comedy specials, for “American Idol,” where in 2008 he pretended to be a “Russian idol” who belts out a tuneless, indecipherable “My Way.”

Williams could handle a script, when he felt like it, and also think on his feet. He ad-libbed in many of his films and was just as quick in person. During a media tour for “Awakenings,” when director Penny Marshall mistakenly described the film as being set in a “menstrual hospital,” instead of “mental hospital,” Williams quickly stepped in and joked, “It’s a period piece.”

Winner of a Grammy in 2003 for best spoken comedy album, “Robin Williams—Live 2002,” he once likened his act to the daily jogs he took across the Golden Gate Bridge. There were times he would look over the edge, one side of him pulling back in fear, the other insisting he could fly.

“You have an internal critic, an internal drive that says, ‘OK, you can do more.’ Maybe that’s what keeps you going,” Williams said. “Maybe that’s a demon. ... Some people say, ‘It’s a muse.’ No, it’s not a muse! It’s a demon! DO IT YOU BASTARD!! HAHHAHAHAHAHA!!! THE LITTLE DEMON!!!”

In addition to his wife, Williams is survived by his three children: daughter Zelda, 25; and sons Zachary, 31, and Cody, 19.

Williams a comic force, versatile actor

By DAVID BAUDER
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NEW YORK (AP)—The question from a fan in a Sirius XM interview last year was innocent—what do you think you'd be doing if you didn't become a comedian?—and within seconds Robin Williams was impersonating physicist Stephen Hawking getting a lap dance at a strip club.

"Now don't sit on the keyboard!" Williams said, coaxing laughs from a few dozen people in a Manhattan studio.

How did he get there? Explaining it would take twice as long as it took to actually happen. Would anyone else in the world have made such a leap?

Not a chance. Williams, who died in an apparent suicide Monday, was a comic force of nature. The world got to know him as the wild alien in "Mork & Mindy," a comedian who elevated improvisation to an art form and also demonstrated a rare versatility in more serious roles. He moved seamlessly from comedy to drama to tragedy to comedy again during a Hollywood heyday in the 1980s and 1990s. His Academy Award as a supporting actor in "Good Will Hunting" came in a drama.

In 1997, Entertainment Weekly magazine named Williams the funniest man alive, and the very next year listed him as one of the world's 25 best actors—a double distinction that made him rare, if not unique.

He touched every generation and demographic, making his entrance in a 1970s comic generation with Steve Martin, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd and Billy Crystal. He exploded onto the scene at a time when two schools of comedy dominated—"Saturday Night Live" and Johnny Carson—and Williams felt equally comfortable running with both crowds.

Williams was the voice of a genie in "Aladdin" and a hyper disc jockey in "Good Morning Vietnam." In "Mrs. Doubtfire," he played a dad who dressed as a woman to see his kids, and in "Birdcage," he played a gay man. He was an English teacher in "Dead Poets Society," a scientist in "Awakenings" and a prisoner of war in "Jakob the Liar." In this year's independent film, "The Angriest Man in Brooklyn," Williams played a man mistakenly told he had 90 minutes to live.



This June 15, 2007 file photo shows actor and comedian Robin Williams posing to promote his film, "License To Wed" in Santa Monica, Calif. AP

On a stage, in front of the lights, is where Williams shined most brightly. The riffs, tangents and impersonations came rushing at the audience, a seemingly endless torrent. It looked like onstage cocaine, a drug he abused in real life and, of course, made part of his comedy.

"Cocaine is God's way of telling you you are making too much money," he would say.

On a television talk show, hosts knew Williams barely needed to be wound up. Sometimes, he needed only an audience of one: Williams vis-

ited Christopher Reeve a week after the actor's horseback riding accident, dressed in scrubs with a surgical mask and speaking in a Russian accent.

The roles became less prominent as he aged and a different generation took the spotlight. Last year, CBS cast him as the star of a sitcom, "The Crazy Ones," in which Williams played the colorful elder statesman at a New York ad agency. The network had high hopes for the comedy, which also starred Sarah Michelle Gellar, but they quickly faded and the show was cancelled after one season.

That didn't make Williams unique—Michael J. Fox also failed in a recent return to television—but it was an indication that Williams was no longer a sure ticket to success.

Like many comedians, Williams often seemed driven by demons. He had a complicated personal life, suffered from depression and was treated for substance abuse, most recently earlier this summer. He did a few lines of cocaine with John Belushi on the last night of that comic's life.

A darkness seeped in during an interview with comedian Marc Maron in 2010, where Williams seemingly dismissed what would be a career highlight for many actors. "People say you're an Academy Award winner," he said. "The Academy Award lasted about a week and then one week later, people went, 'Hey Mork!'"

Stand-up comedy was where Williams got the most satisfaction.

"You get the feedback," Williams said in a 2007 interview with The Associated Press. "There's an energy. It's live theater. That's why I think actors like that. You know, musicians need it, comedians definitely need it. It doesn't matter what size and what club, whether it's 30 people in the club or 2,000 in a hall or a theater. It's live, it's symbiotic, you need it."

In the 2013 Sirius appearance with Whoopi Goldberg, his comic colleague had no trouble encouraging a visit from Elmer Fudd, one of the many voices Williams could instantly slip into.

Instantly, "Elmer" was singing Bruce Springsteen: "I'm dwivin' in my car..."

Ultimately, Williams had needs no one could meet. The millions of people he made laugh over nearly four decades in the public consciousness weren't enough.

Robin Williams' most distinctive roles

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP NATIONAL WRITER

The kinetic bundle of energy that was Robin Williams took on many forms during a long and versatile career. He may have been best known for his fast-talking, funnyman roles, but he mesmerized in serious ones as well—creepy ones, too—and was memorable well beyond the big screen: on television, on the comedy stage, even on Broadway. Here are 10 of Williams' most distinctive roles—and the list could be much longer:

"GOOD WILL HUNTING" (1997)—A rare but welcome serious role for Williams, who played the stubborn yet empathetic therapist who was somehow able to help math prodigy Will Hunting (Matt Damon) figure out how to handle his life. Won a supporting actor Oscar.

"MRS. DOUBTFIRE" (1991)—Who couldn't love a bumbling dad who dressed up as a portly nanny—with a latex mask, a wig and a Scottish accent—in order to spend time with his young kids? (A sequel was in the works.)

"ALADDIN" (1992)—Will it ever be possible to see a cartoon genie and not think of Williams? Remember him shooting out of that bottle: "Ten thousand years will give you SUCH a crick in the neck!"

"GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM" (1987)—Williams' fast-talking style was perfect for the role of a DJ on Armed Forces Radio during the Vietnam War. (First Oscar nomination.)

"ONE HOUR PHOTO" (2002)—Another serious role, and it was a creepy one: Williams played a photo counter worker at a huge suburban store who got a little too involved in the lives of his customers when he realized one of them was having an affair.

"DEAD POETS SOCIETY" (1989)—Played an unconventional poetry teacher who taught his Vermont boarding school students to stand on their desks, think on their own, and "seize the day." (Second Oscar nomination.)

"THE FISHER KING" (1991)—Williams played a half-mad homeless man, convinced that the Holy Grail was sitting in the Fifth Avenue abode of a billionaire. (Third Oscar nomination.)

"MORK & MINDY" (1978-1982)—Mork from Ork. Nanu, nanu. What more need be said? This TV series, a spinoff of "Happy Days," is how many of us first learned of Williams' sublime nuttiness.

"MOSCOW ON THE HUDSON" (1984)—Williams played a Russian—and quite credibly, too—in this film about a comically lovable circus saxophonist, Vladimir, who defects while touring New York (turning himself in at Bloomingdale's, naturally.)

"BENGAL TIGER AT THE BAGHDAD ZOO" (2011)—Appearing on Broadway, Williams gave an admirably thoughtful performance in the role of a tiger—actually, the ghost of a dead tiger—locked up at the Baghdad Zoo at the time of the U.S. invasion in 2003.

Celebrities reflect on Robin Williams' death at 63

Celebrity colleagues and admirers of Robin Williams shared their reactions Monday to his death at age 63 in an apparent suicide:

■ "I am completely and totally devastated. What more can be said?"—"Mork & Mindy" co-star Pam Dawber, in a statement.

■ "Robin was a lightning storm of comic genius and our laughter was the thunder that sustained him. He was a pal and I can't believe he's gone."—"Hook" director Steven Spielberg, in a statement.

■ "I could not be more stunned by the loss of Robin Williams, mensch, great talent, acting partner, genuine soul."—"Waiting for Godot" co-star Steve Martin, on Twitter.

■ "Robin and I were great friends, suffering from the same little-known disease: depression. I never could have expected this ending to his life and

to ours with him. God bless him and God bless us all for his LIFE! I cannot believe this. I am overwhelmed with grief. What a wonderful man/boy and what a tremendous talent in the most important art of any time—comedy! I loved him."—actor-comedian Chevy Chase, in a statement.

■ "I saw him on stage the very first time he auditioned at the Improv and we have been friends ever since. It's a very sad day."—talk show host and comedian Jay Leno, in a statement.

■ "We have lost one of our most inspired and gifted comic minds, as well as one of this generation's greatest actors. To watch Robin work, was a magical and special privilege. His performances were unlike anything any of us had ever seen, they came from some spiritual and otherworldly place. He truly was one of the few people who

deserved the title of 'genius.'"—"Mrs. Doubtfire" director Chris Columbus, in a statement.

■ "His impact on the world was so positive. He did so much good for people. He made me and so many people laugh so hard for a very long time."—"Night at the Museum" co-star Ben Stiller, on Twitter.

■ "Robin was friend, boss, brother, inspiration. His generosity and intelligence knew no limits."—"Mrs. Doubtfire" co-star Harvey Fierstein, on Twitter.

■ "I am absolutely heartbroken. Robin was a national treasure and a beautiful soul."—The World According to Garp" co-star Glenn Close, in a statement.

■ "I've never known a sweeter, brighter, more considerate person than Robin. Robin's commitment as an artist to lifting our mood and making us happy is com-

pared to none. He loved us all and we loved him back."—"Old Dogs" co-star John Travolta, in a statement.

■ "He always lit up when he was able to make people laugh, and he made them laugh his whole life long—tirelessly. He was one of a kind. There will not be another."—"Mrs. Doubtfire" co-star Sally Field, in a statement.

■ "A big tenacious overflowing hyperkinetic eruption of compassion would be (the) best tribute to Williams."—"Lee Daniels' The Butler" co-star John Cusack, on Twitter.

■ "Robin Williams was an airman, a doctor, a genie, a nanny, a president, a professor, a bangarang Peter Pan, and everything in between. But he was one of a kind. He arrived in our lives as an alien—but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit."—President Barack Obama, in a statement. (AP)

Emma Stone in talks to enter 'Cabaret' as Sally

NEW YORK (AP)—Emma Stone, who last year abandoned appearing in the Broadway revival of "Cabaret," might still be in need of fishnets and a bowler hat.

Roundabout Theatre Company said Monday that Stone is in negotiations to make her Broadway debut as Sally Bowles. She would take over from Michelle Williams, who has extended her run as Bowles opposite Alan Cumming through Nov. 9.

Set in 1931 Berlin, "Cabaret" centers on the world of the indulgent Kit Kat Klub as it becomes intertwined with the world outside, which gets more precarious as Nazis take over. The songs by John Kander and Fred Ebb include "Willkommen" and "Tomorrow Belongs to Me."

Williams stepped into the role, once played by Liza Minnelli, when Stone had to withdraw due to scheduling conflicts.



This July 16, 2014 file photo shows actress Emma Stone arrives at the premiere of "Magic In The Moonlight" in New York.

Clooney's fiancée Alamuddin rejects Gaza probe job

GENEVA (AP)—The British-Lebanese lawyer Amal Alamuddin, who is engaged to George Clooney, on Monday pulled out of an appointment to serve on a U.N. commission on possible violations of the rules of war in Gaza.

The president of the 47-nation U.N. Human Rights Council announced in a statement Monday that Alamuddin had been appointed on the commission, but the increasingly high-profile British-Lebanese lawyer later said she could not accept the role.

"I was contacted by the UN about this for the first time this morning," she said. "I am honoured to have received the offer, but given existing commitments -- including eight ongoing cases -- unfortunately could not accept this role."

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the confusion or if

someone else would replace her. Other members of the commission include Canada's William Schabas, an international law professor at Middlesex University, who will be the chair, and Doudou Diene of Senegal, a lawyer who has filled U.N. posts on racism and human rights in Ivory Coast.

Gabon Ambassador Baude-laire Ndong Ella, who presides over the U.N.'s top human rights body in Geneva, said the commission would investigate all violations of international humanitarian and human rights law according to the council's July 23 resolution and report back in March 2015.

The Geneva-based advocacy group UN Watch called on Schabas to recuse himself from the commission because of prior statements critical of Israeli leaders.



The June 12, 2014 file photo shows Amal Alamuddin, human rights lawyer and fiancée of US actor George Clooney, as she attends the 'End Sexual Violence in Conflict' summit in London.

Broken ribs force Kings of Leon to cancel shows

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Kings of Leon will be off the road for two weeks while drummer Nathan Followill recovers from broken ribs.

The family band from Nashville, Tennessee, will be off the road for two weeks while Followill recovers, a statement from the band says. But Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson is coming to the rescue for Tuesday night's appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon."

Thompson, the house bandleader, will sit in for the 35-year-old Followill on the

song "Family Tree."

The band is canceling nine shows, including Sunday's missed gig in Saratoga Springs, New York. Refunds are available at point of purchase.

Followill broke his ribs when the band's tour bus driver was forced to stop short when a pedestrian crossed the street in front of the vehicle Saturday night after KOL's show in Boston.

The Grammy Award-winning band will return to the stage Aug. 28 in Holmdel, New Jersey. The group's current tour is scheduled to run into October.

Bob Weir canceling tour dates for rest of the year

NEW YORK (AP)—Guitarist Bob Weir is canceling all of the tour dates he had planned through January.

The Grateful Dead founder says his tour with his other band, RatDog, won't kick off this week as planned. He posted a message Sunday on RatDog's website saying "circumstances have necessitated that all scheduled tour dates for Bob Weir & RatDog are being cancelled."

The 66-year-old didn't offer

more details. An agent for Weir didn't respond to an email seeking comment.

Refunds can be claimed where tickets were purchased.

Weir also is canceling a September performance at the Lockn' Festival with Furthur, the band he formed with fellow Grateful Dead member Phil Lesh.

Weir fell onstage at a concert last year. Lesh told the crowd that Weir had been suffering from a strained shoulder.

'Another World' star Charles Keating dies at 72

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shakespearean actor and soap opera star Charles Keating has died at the age of 72.

Keating's son, Sean Keating, says the actor died Friday in his Connecticut home after a three-year battle with lung cancer.

Sean Keating said Monday that his London-born father considered himself a theater actor first but was amused by his celebrity for soap operas including "Another World."

Charles Keating played the

villainous Carl Hutchins from 1991 to 1999 on the NBC series, winning a Daytime Emmy in 1996.

Besides his stage work with the Royal Shakespeare Company and other groups, Keating worked steadily on British and U.S. TV, and in film. His credits include TV's "Brideshead Revisited" and the movie "The Thomas Crown Affair."

Keating's survivors include his wife, Mary, sons Sean and James, and six grandchildren.

Daughter's obsessive stalker ratchets up his accusations

DEAR ABBY: I am very concerned about my 33-year-old daughter's safety. A man in his mid-60s, someone she met at a previous job, has become obsessed with her. He has declared his love for her, divorced his wife and slathered my struggling, single daughter with gifts over the last three years.

She has refused his advances on nearly a daily basis, and he is now tracking her every move. If she leaves her house for even 30 minutes, he knows and accuses her of going to have sex with someone. If she says she's coming to my house, he drives by to verify it. If it takes her longer than he thinks it should, he accuses her of having sex with someone. She swears that she has never had sex with him.

It has really intensified lately. I'm frantic about her safety. What should I do?

SCARED MOM IN FLORIDA

DEAR SCARED MOM: Your daughter's "admirer" is showing all the signs of being a stalker. Why is she carrying on ANY conversations with him and telling him where she's going? If she accepted gifts he "slathered" on her, it may be why he feels she encouraged him. They should be returned.

You and your daughter should go to the police and report

what he has been doing. It may be necessary for her to take out a restraining order because this person appears to be unbalanced and may be dangerous.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I recently decided to get married. We plan to go to the courthouse next month and have a justice of the peace perform the ceremony. Since it will be nothing fancy, we have decided to invite just a few family members -- his mom, grandma and brother, along with my mom and dad.

What we need advice about is how to tell his mom. She feels that marriage is just a piece of paper and you shouldn't need it to prove how committed you are. Because of her views, he wants to "surprise" her the day of the wedding when we all arrive at the courthouse. I feel it's a bad idea, and she should have some time to get used to the thought of us being married.

Any advice you can offer on when to tell her, and how to handle what she's going to say?

FUTURE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR FUTURE D.I.L.: I agree that your boyfriend's mother should be told beforehand, and the good news should be delivered by both of you. When she delivers the predictable "marriage is just a piece of paper" comment, you should re-

DEAR ABBY

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spond that the piece of paper is an important one to you, and your boyfriend should tell her he's doing this because he loves you and, in the event that anything should happen to him, he wants to provide for you. If she gives you an argument, remember that you're asking for her blessing -- not her permission.

DEAR ABBY: Do you think people can change?

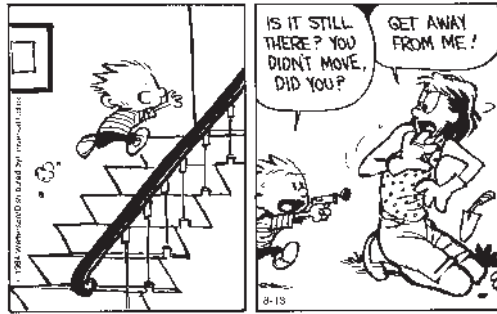
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DEAR JILL: I assume you mean change for the better. The answer is yes, of course people can change. With motivation, determination and perseverance, people can accomplish almost anything they set their minds to.

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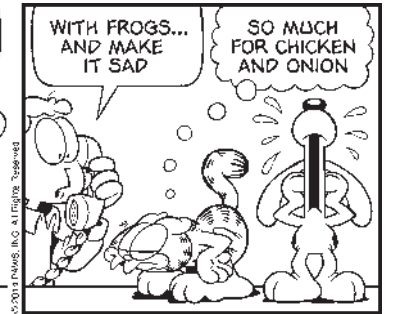
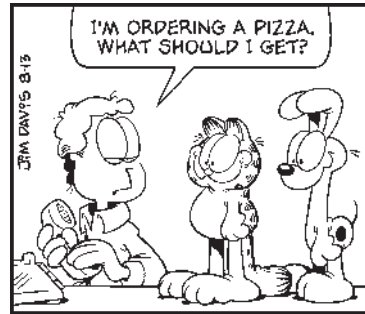
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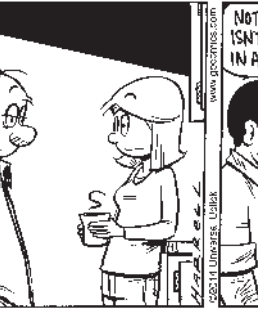
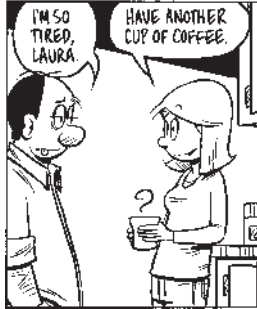
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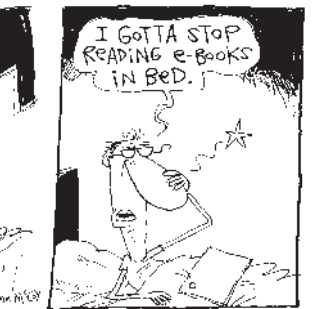
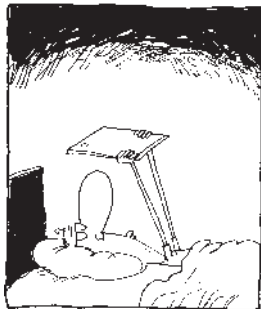
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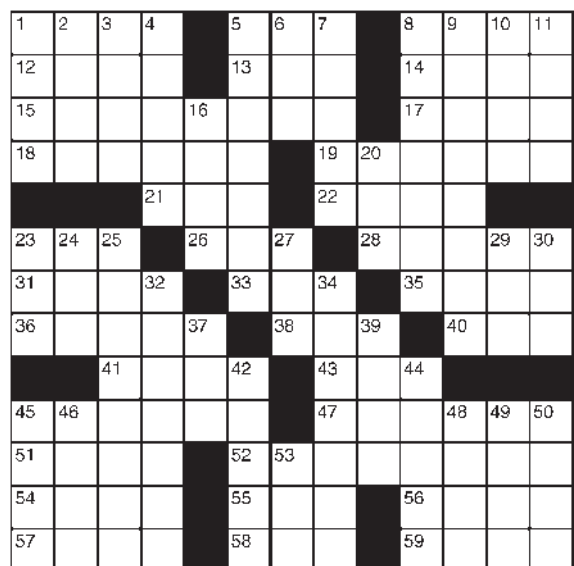
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 - 21 Erstwhile acorn
 - 22 "Thirty days — ..."
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 - 26 "Family Guy" daughter
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 - 33 Part of UCLA
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are heading into a cycle full of excitement, entertainment and opportunity. Explore whatever comes your way and focus on being your best and offering what you can. Love is on the rise and romance will enhance your life. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take care of your responsibilities quietly. Not everyone will agree with what you want to do or how you do it. Focus on honing your skills and preparing a flawless presentation that leaves little to criticize. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be cautious. Insincere gestures of friendship will end in disappointment. Make positive changes at home that are sure to improve your living space and your relationships with those you live around. A visitor can be expected. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do something out of the ordinary. Explore what life has to offer. Let your creative imagination wander and express your ideas. Good fortune will come about through an extraordinary

opportunity. Don't be too shy to try something different. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look, see and do. Self-improvement projects will lead to compliments and the option to make positive changes at work and to your lifestyle. Connecting with an old friend will bring back memories and an opportunity to revamp an old idea. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rehash old ideas and options. You may have missed an important detail in a project that wasn't successful on the first try. Reimagine and reconfigure your plans in order to accommodate new ideas. Establish an important partnership with someone. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): New acquaintances can be made if you take part in a work-related event or a cause that contributes to making a difference. A change in partners or how you relate to others will bring about a marked improvement in your personal life. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't fight a losing battle. Put your energy into things you can change and improvements you can make to your surroundings and to your emotional outlook and attitude. A worry regarding work will turn out to be favorable. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Cut off anyone playing with your emotions. Stick to the people you know you can trust. Wheel and deal and make positive changes to your living arrangements. Better financial opportunities are within reach. Invest in yourself, not someone else. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay put. Keep a close watch on your investments, projects and partnerships. Changes are heading your way, and although you may not welcome the process, you will come out on top once the dust settles. Let your intuition guide you in the best direction. **



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): He who hesitates is lost. You will face opposition from those less eager to experiment, but your sense of adventure and ability to instantly adapt will help you make the most of whatever life or career changes come your way. ****



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A money-making opportunity is attainable. Jump at the chance to test your talent, skills and expertise. An emotional plea will buy you favors and time to iron out any problems you meet along the way. Success can be yours. ***

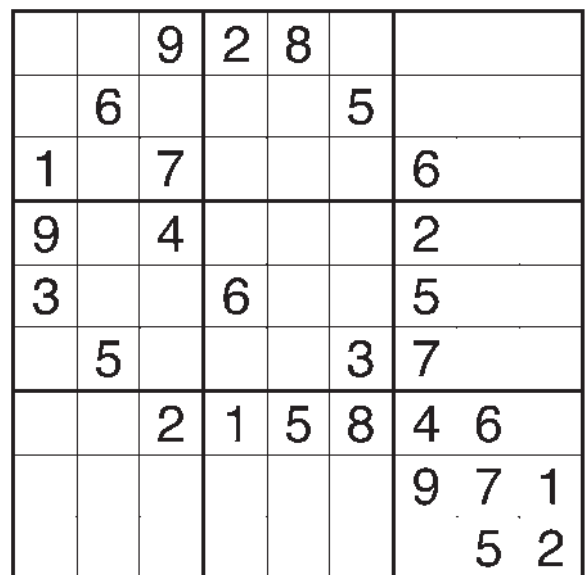
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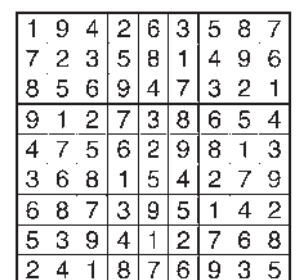


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McIlroy joins exclusive club with PGA victory



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Bobby Jones. Jack Nicklaus. Tiger Woods.

And, now, Rory McIlroy.

He certainly doesn't look out of place.

Joining an exclusive club in the twilight at Valhalla Golf Club, McIlroy survived his toughest test yet on the big stage and gave every indication that he's worthy of a spot alongside the greats of the game.

"I was happy being a two-time major champion coming into the year," McIlroy said. "All of a sudden I'm a four-time major champion."

That's where those other three - Jones, Nicklaus, Woods - come in.

Until Sunday, they were the only players in the last century to win four majors at 25 or younger. McIlroy joined them with a victory that showed he's not just the ultimate front-runner.

The kid can come from behind, too.

McIlroy went into the final round one shot ahead. By the time he stood in the 10th fairway, he was three strokes behind against an All-Star cast - Phil Mickelson, a five-time major champion; Rickie Fowler, runner-up at both the U.S. Open and the British Open; and Henrik Stenson, a perennial contender in the majors.

That's when McIlroy unleashed a shot that he'll surely be remembered for as long as he plays the game - a 3-wood from 284 yards on the par-5 hole. He insisted that when it left the club, it was about 30 feet lower than he wanted, and about 15 yards left of his intended target. But it worked out just the fine, the ball stopping 7 feet from the flag to set up an eagle that got him right back in the game.

"You need a little bit of luck in major championships to



In this June 13, 2013, file photo, Rory McIlroy, left, and Tiger Woods stand together during the first round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa. Anyone could see McIlroy had the gifts to be the next big thing in golf. His victory in the PGA Championship was more about grit. And now the comparisons with Woods are becoming inevitable.

win," he said, "and that was my lucky break."

He took the outright lead when all three of his challengers eventually made bogey, and finally gave himself some breathing room with a 9-iron from a fairway bunker to 10 feet for birdie on the 17th.

McIlroy took a two-shot lead to the par-5 closing hole, where a two-putt in the gathering darkness was good enough for a 16-under 268 and a one-stroke victory over Mickelson. Stenson and Fowler finished two shots back.

"I thought winning the (British)

Open championship a few weeks ago had sort of put me on a higher level in this game," McIlroy said. "I never thought I'd get this far at 25 years of age."

He's not ready to stop now. The next two goals on his list are the career Grand Slam and capturing more major championships than any other modern European golfer.

Don't bet against him.

"He's better than everyone else right now," Mickelson said. "He's good, really good."

McIlroy's only missing major is the Masters, and he's already counting down the days

until next April. The Northern Irishman also has his eye on England's Nick Faldo, whose six majors titles are more than any European golfer in the last century.

"I've got to take it one small step at a time," McIlroy insisted. "Hopefully, when I achieve those, I can start to think about other things."

McIlroy's first two major titles, at the 2011 U.S. Open and the 2012 PGA Championship, where both eight-shot romps where he was never seriously challenged on the final day. At the British Open last month,

he led by six shots going to Sunday and never surrendered the advantage.

This one was different, and not just because of the bizarre way it ended, with the final two groups essentially morphing into a four-some in a frantic bid to avoid a Monday morning finish.

A rain delay of nearly two hours pushed back the starting time for the final group—McIlroy and Bernd Wiesberger—to 4:19 p.m. The sun has dipped below the horizon by the time McIlroy finished up, barely able to see the contour of the greens but with enough

light to get down in two from 35 feet for par.

Mickelson and Fowler, in the next-to-last group, hit their tee shots at the 18th hole, then stood aside for McIlroy and Wiesberger. After hitting their second shots, Mickelson and Fowler stood off to the side of the green while the last two guys hit again. Mickelson just missed chipping in for eagle and settled for a birdie, while Fowler missed a short putt and dropped him into a tie for third with Stenson.

McIlroy blasted out of a bunker and rolled his putt right up next to the hole for a clinching tap-in that capped a riveting display of golf, just what the game needed after three lackluster majors and Tiger Woods missing the cut at Valhalla.

"This was different than my previous major wins," McIlroy said. "I showed a lot of guts to get this one done."

For Fowler, it was another major disappointment.

He became the first player to finish in the top five of every major over the course of a year without actually winning one.

"This is the first one that hurts," Fowler said. "Obviously, I did some great playing this year. My performance in the majors is something I can look back on and be proud of."

No one does it better than McIlroy, who has become the game's most compelling figure at a time when Woods - the winner of 14 majors but none since 2008 - seems at a crossroads because of age and injuries.

This definitely seemed like a changing of the guard, with McIlroy winning his second major of the summer while Woods didn't even make it to the weekend.

"I've got that sense of belief in myself now," McIlroy said. "I go into every tournament I play knowing I can win. It's a great feeling to have."

Watson still considering Woods for Ryder Cup



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—U.S. captain Tom Watson said he would be

foolish not to consider Tiger Woods as one of his three wildcard selections for the Ryder Cup, a decision that ultimately would be based on Woods' words instead of his actions.

Watson has said all year he wanted Woods on his team if he were healthy and playing well. Even though Woods is injured and not playing for the next month, Watson wouldn't rule him out Monday.

"I can't assess his medical condition and I honestly can't assess how he's playing," Watson said. "It really is going to be having to come from information from Tiger himself. But, again, I don't make this comment loosely. He is

Tiger Woods and he brings a lot to the team - if he has the ability to play and he's healthy. He brings a lot to the team. And I'd be a fool not to consider him."

Nine players qualified for the American team after the PGA Championship. Watson has three weeks before he announces his three picks for the Ryder Cup, which is Sept. 26-28 at Gleneagles in Scotland.

Woods' season ended when he missed the cut by five shots at the PGA Championship, where he said he played through the pain of a nagging back injury. He is not playing the Wyndham Championship this week in North Carolina, and Woods is not eligible for the two FedEx Cup playoff events that will serve as an audition for Watson.

"I'll be very, very focused on the players who are high up in the ranks," Watson said.

As for Woods?

He made it sound as if he would have a telephone glued to his ear.

"I will continue to speak with Tiger over the next three weeks to monitor his situation," Watson said. "Obviously, he has not been playing well. But I think it's been a result, as you well know, of his injury and his coming back from back surgery."

Woods has gone more than a year without winning, and this injury-filled year has been like no other. He played eight tournaments and completed 72 holes only three times. He missed two cuts, withdrew from the final round of two other tournaments and missed a 54-hole cut at Torrey Pines, where he is an eight-time winner. His best finish was a tie for 25th at Doral, where Woods played in the next-to-last group on Sun-

day and posted his highest score ever (78) in the final round.

He finished at No. 70 in the Ryder Cup standings.

Woods hurt his back again at Firestone, though he said it was unrelated to his microdiscectomy surgery in March. He said a trainer popped a joint back into place and he was pain free Wednesday at the PGA. He reported stiffness Thursday and his back "went out on me" while warming up for the second round.

Can he be trusted to be forthcoming with Watson?

"Absolutely," Watson replied sternly, looking away to make his point.

The 64-year-old captain was asked if Woods' might want to play so badly that he might tell Watson he is better than he really is.

"Again, I trust Tiger to give me the straight skinny," Watson

said. "I trust him inherently."

It was difficult to read Watson's plans for Woods - if any - on this Ryder Cup team because they have never been close. Paul Azinger, captain of the only U.S. team that won the Ryder Cup in the last 15 years, said over the weekend he would not pick Woods because he was injured, not playing well and didn't know where the golf ball was going.

Watson made it sound as if he were leaning more on Woods' past than the current state of his game, not to mention his health.

"He is Tiger Woods. He brings something to the team in a big way," Watson said. "He's been really good in the team room of recent and he's a factor with the players. I know that for a fact. He's a very positive influence on the players. But the most important thing is can he play? Can he physically play and is he play-

ing well? Get back to those two points. Like I said, I'll monitor that situation in the next three weeks."

The American team already is missing Dustin Johnson, who has taken a "voluntary leave" for what he described as "personal challenges." Matt Kuchar withdrew from the final major of the year with a back injury. Bubba Watson has finished in the top 10 only once in the four months since winning the Masters.

Tom Watson said he was happy with the nine players who made the team - Watson, Kuchar, Rickie Fowler, Jim Furyk, Jimmy Walker, Phil Mickelson, Jordan Spieth, Patrick Reed and Zach Johnson. For his picks, he said he wants players in good form and with guts.

"We have got players that can get the job done," he said.

Qualifying for Europe's team does not end until Aug. 31 after the Italian Open, and captain Paul McGinley will make his picks Sept. 2.

Niese snaps slump, leads Mets past Phillies



PHILADELPHIA—David Buchanan was nine outs

away from taking over as the team leader in wins before things fell apart.

Slumping Anthony Recker hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer, Jonathon Niese pitched seven sharp innings and the New York Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 Monday.

Darin Ruf hit a two-run shot for the last-place Phillies.

Buchanan (6-6) allowed three runs and four hits in six-plus innings. He had a 2-1 lead entering the seventh before walking Juan Lagares and allowing a tying RBI double to Matt den Dekker.

"That late in a game, you can't walk guys to start an inning," Buchanan said. "You never want to get pulled, but our bullpen has been lights-out."

On a staff that includes Cliff Lee, Cole Hamels and A.J. Burnett, the rookie right-hander is tied for most wins even though he's spent much of the year in the minors. Buchanan figures to have a rotation spot locked up for next year.

"He's shown an ability to make adjustments out there and not get too flustered," manager Ryne Sandberg said.

Niese (6-8) gave up two runs on five hits to earn his first win since June 28. The lefty was 0-4 with a 6.04 ERA in his previous five starts.

Recker was in an 0-for-18 skid when he connected off reliever Justin De Fratus, who had retired 17 straight batters before allowing a single to the first batter he faced after replacing Buchanan in the seventh.

Buchanan ran into trouble when he walked Juan Lagares to start the seventh. Matt den Dekker lined an RBI double to right-center to tie it at 2. De Fratus entered and gave up a single to Wilmer Flores.

Recker then hit a full-count fastball 424 feet into the left-center field stands to make it 5-2.

With two outs in the Phillies ninth, pinch-hitter Chase Utley lined a 1-2 pitch off Jeury Familia deep to right. A fan reached over with his cap and lifted the ball into the air and into the stands. The hit was initially ruled a two-run homer, but was overturned to an RBI double following a replay.

Ben Revere then flied out to end it.

The Mets took three of four in the wraparound series and are 13-3 in their last 16 games in Philadelphia.

The Phillies' bullpen had allowed one earned run in 24 2-3 innings before Recker, a .187 hitter, took De Fratus deep.

Padres 4, Rockies 3

In San Diego, Yangervis Solarte hit a go-ahead, two-run home run in the seventh inning and



Philadelphia Phillies' Domonic Brown, left, is tagged out at home plate by New York Mets catcher Anthony Recker after trying to score on a single by Ben Revere during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, in Philadelphia. New York won, 5-3.

the San Diego Padres beat the last-place Colorado Rockies 4-3 Monday night for their ninth win in 12 games.

Solarte's third shot with the Padres, and ninth overall this season, came an inning after Colorado's Corey Dickerson hit a three-run homer to give the Rockies a 3-1 lead.

Yonder Alonso hit a solo homer in the fourth for the Padres, who improved to 14-8 since the All-Star break.

Solarte homered to left with one out in the seventh on a 1-0 pitch from Boone Logan (2-3), who came on to start the inning. Pinch-hitter Abraham Almonte hit a leadoff double and was sacrificed by Will Venable ahead of Solarte's shot.

Nick Vincent (1-2) pitched two perfect innings for the win.

Dickerson hit a high, arching shot to right on a 2-1 curveball into the seats in right to chase rookie Jesse Hahn in the sixth. Justin Morneau and Nolan Arenado were aboard on singles. It was Dickerson's 15th. He hit a tie-breaking homer in an extra-inning win at Arizona on Sunday.

Orioles 11, Yankees 3

In Baltimore, It was a night when both teams lamented a potentially devastating loss.

The satisfaction the Baltimore Orioles derived from beating the New York Yankees 11-3 Monday was dampened by the possibility that third baseman Manny Machado could be headed toward the disabled list with a sprained right knee.

"We'll just wait for the results," Machado said in front of his locker, where a pair of crutches stood. "Hopefully it

is on the good side other than the bad."

He will have an MRI on Tuesday morning determine the severity of the injury and whether a stint on the DL is necessary.

"There's a chance we may have dodged a bullet," manager Buck Showalter said.

The Yankees had a far different problem to cope with. Their third straight defeat dropped them a season-high seven games behind the AL East-leading Orioles with 44 games remaining.

"This is the team we have. We've got to go win with the guys that we have," New York captain Derek Jeter said. "You can't sit around and be negative. We have to stay optimistic. You've got to have a lot of faith in your teammates and then you're going to get the job done."

With each loss to the Orioles, the deficit increases. There are two games left in the series that concludes Wednesday.

"I really don't think it makes a difference who you're playing," Jeter said. "We've got to find ways to win games. It's not like you can exhale when you're playing a team that's not in front of us."

Mariners 11, Blue Jays 1

In Seattle, Felix Hernandez allowed one run in seven strong innings and Robinson Cano helped provide him with a jolt of run support as the Seattle Mariners romped to an 11-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night.

Opening the most anticipated August series in Seattle since 2007, Hernandez (13-3) made his 16th straight start of at least

seven innings while allowing two earned runs or less. Hernandez needed just 96 pitches to get through seven and his only mistake was Jose Bautista's solo home run in the fourth.

The only other Toronto batter to get a hit was Colby Rasmus, who had two and is now 7 for 10 against Hernandez. King Felix struck out eight, walked none and lowered his ERA to 1.95 for the season. Hernandez is 9-2 with a 1.41 ERA during the 16-game streak.

Seattle remained one game back in the chase for the second AL wild card while Toronto dropped two games back.

And for a change, Hernandez wasn't left wondering if Seattle would score enough.

Cano ignited a seven-run sixth inning with his 10th homer of the season for a 3-1 lead.

Royals 3, Athletics 2

In Kansas City, The Kansas City Royals won their eighth straight game and took over the AL Central lead Monday night when Yordano Ventura outdueling Sonny Gray during a 3-2 win over Oakland Athletics.

The victory, coupled with a loss by Detroit in Pittsburgh, gave the long-suffering Royals a division lead at the latest point in a season since 2003.

Alcides Escobar drove in a run in the second inning before delivering a two-out single off Gray (12-6) in the seventh, putting Kansas City in front.

Kelvin Herrera (3-2) took over for Ventura and tossed spotless seventh inning.

Pirates 11, Tigers 6

In Pittsburgh, Travis Snider hit two home runs and Starling

Marte had a bases-loaded triple as the Pirates coasted to a win against the Tigers.

The loss, coupled with Kansas City's 3-2 win over Oakland, dropped the Tigers a half-game behind the now first-place Royals in the AL Central Division.

Justin Verlander (10-11) left after one inning with right shoulder soreness. He gave up five runs — four earned — on four hits. He walked two and struck out three.

Pittsburgh starter Jeff Locke (4-3) was responsible for four runs, eight hits and four walks in five-plus innings.

Martin hit his sixth home run of the year in the sixth inning, and Ike Davis followed with his eighth.

Rays 7, Rangers 0

In Arlington, Drew Smyly allowed three hits in his first win since the David Price trade, Matt Joyce had a two-run single and the Rays beat the Rangers.

Smyly (7-10) struck out nine in a career-high 7 2-3 innings to beat the Rangers for the second time this season.

Colby Lewis (8-9) couldn't build on the momentum of his second career shutout, giving up five runs — two earned — in five innings.

Brewers 3, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Yovani Gallardo pitched seven sparkling innings and Khris Davis had a tiebreaking RBI double, leading the Brewers to a victory over the Cubs.

Gallardo bounced back nicely from a sluggish outing against San Francisco, allowing one run and six hits while improving to 9-3 with a 3.00 ERA in 18 ca-

reer starts against Chicago.

Mark Reynolds connected for his 20th homer.

Coming off his worst start of the year, Jake Arrieta (6-4) gave up two runs and five hits in 7 1-3 innings for the Cubs.

Dodgers 6, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Kevin Correia won in his debut with the Dodgers, outpitching All-Star Julio Teheran and leading Los Angeles over the slumping Braves.

Los Angeles has won four of six to increase its NL West lead to five games over idle San Francisco. The Braves have dropped 10 of 12 and fallen four games behind NL East-leading Washington.

Correia was tied for the major league lead in losses with a 5-13 record when he was traded from Minnesota to the Dodgers on Saturday. He excelled for Los Angeles, giving up one run and four hits in six innings, striking out five and walking one.

Teheran (10-9) allowed five runs and nine hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Carl Crawford got three hits and drove in two runs for the Dodgers.

Marlins 6, Cardinals 5

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton hit two home runs and made a spectacular diving catch in right field to help the Marlins beat the Cardinals.

Marlins starter Tom Koehler (8-9) allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings.

Steve Cishek escaped the ninth to record his 30th save in 33 chances. With two outs, Cishek allowed an RBI triple by Kolten Wong and an RBI single by Matt Holliday allowing the Cardinals to pull to 6-5. Cishek struck out Matt Adams to end the game.

Jon Jay hit a two-run home run, Holliday had four hits, and Shelby Miller (8-9) allowed five runs in five innings for the Cardinals, who have lost three of four.

Twins 4, Astros 2

In Houston, Joe Mauer had two hits in his return from the disabled list, including a go-ahead RBI single in the ninth inning, to help the Twins to a win over the Astros.

A pair of walks by Josh Fields (2-5) left runners at first and second with two outs in the ninth when Mauer's groundball single to left field scored Jordan Schafer. Brian Dozier also scored on the play.

Brian Duensing (3-2) got the last two outs of the eighth inning for the win.

Chris Carter and Jose Altuve both had solo homers for Houston and Jake Marisnick had a career-high four hits.

Tommy Milone allowed eight hits and two runs in his debut with the Twins after being traded from Oakland for Sam Fuld on July 31.

LeBron, Cavaliers will face Heat in Rio on Oct. 12

CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James will play his first pre-season game with the Cavaliers at home before he faces his former team, the Miami Heat, in Brazil.

The Cavs will open their exhibition season Oct. 5 against Maccabi Tel Aviv, the Israeli club formerly led by new Cleveland coach David Blatt. It will be James' first game with the Cavs since re-signing with them last month as a free agent.

On Oct. 12, James and the Cavs will play the Heat in Rio De Janiero. James won two NBA titles and went to the NBA Finals four straight seasons with the Heat.

The Cavs will also play in Cincinnati on Oct. 15 against Indiana and against Chicago in Columbus on Oct. 20 on Ohio State's campus.

In New York, the NBA has fined the Toronto Raptors for tampering after rapper Drake let Kevin Durant know he was wanted in Canada.

Drake is a "global ambassador" for Canada's NBA club. He was performing at a concert that Durant was attending

last week in Toronto when he shouted to the crowd to show the league's MVP what it would be like if he came to play for the Raptors, causing a loud ovation.

An NBA spokesman confirmed the fine, which ESPN.com reported Monday was for \$25,000.

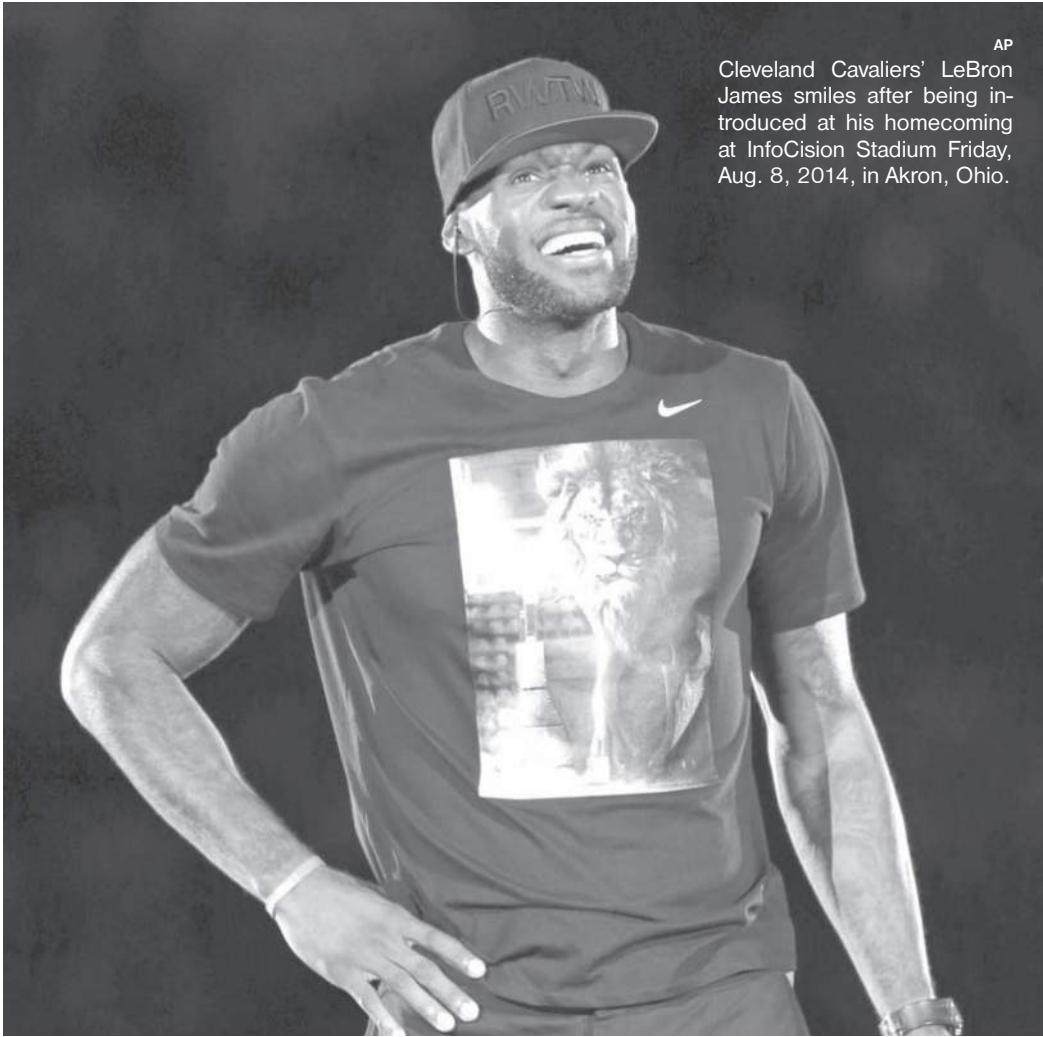
Durant can become a free agent after the 2015-16 season. He has spent his entire career with the Oklahoma City Thunder franchise.

In other news, Brooklyn Nets rookie Markel Brown has a broken bone in his right hand that will keep him from basketball activities for four to six weeks.

The Nets said Brown was injured while working out Monday in Las Vegas and was diagnosed with a non-displaced fracture of the fourth metacarpal in his right hand. His hand was placed in a cast.

Brown was drafted by Minnesota with the No. 44 pick and the Nets acquired his rights on draft night. The 6-foot-3 guard averaged 17.2 points as a senior at Oklahoma State.

Over in California, Golden State Warriors guard Nemanja Nedovic's foot injury is reportedly not as serious as initially



AP
Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James smiles after being introduced at his homecoming at InfoCision Stadium Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, in Akron, Ohio.

believed and he hopes to represent his native Serbia in the up-

coming FIBA World Cup. Nedovic was originally be-

lieved to have a stress fracture in his foot earlier this summer

but Sportando.net reported that the injury is not that serious after tests were sent to the Warriors.

Nedovic, a point guard, is waiting for the Warriors to give him permission to play in the tournament in Spain later this month.

Nedovic has one year remaining on his contract with the Warriors. Last season, he scored 26 points in 24 games and averaged just under six minutes per game.

In Houston, a person with knowledge of the deal says the Houston Rockets have agreed to terms with Greek forward Kostas Papanikolaou.

The person spoke Friday on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced by the team. The 6-foot-9 Papanikolaou was drafted by the New York Knicks in 2012. His rights were traded to Portland, then to Houston in July 2013.

Papanikolaou most recently played for FC Barcelona. He has been a standout for the Greek national team, earning Most Valuable Player honors at the Under-20 European championship in 2009. Before playing for FC Barcelona, Papanikolaou helped Olympiacos win Euroleague championships in 2012 and 2013.

CNMI

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Jones grounded out. A.J. Evangelista scored, while Jessie Brel and Nathan Camacho advanced to third and second, respectively, with two outs. Virolanson Secharmidal was called for the first out off a fly ball to centerfield and the CNMI was soon charged for the third when Franko Nakamura

came up with an empty swing on his last attempt after getting caught looking in the first two by pitcher Jesse Colford.

Holding a precarious one-run lead, going into the top of the sixth, the CNMI got a bad break at the penultimate inning when an earlier 1-2-3 double play was overruled. The controversial call came with the bases loaded and Stevenson hit a foul ball. The

match report did not explain the violation or the how the earlier call was overruled and a message to the CNMI team asking clarifications has yet to be returned at press time.

Stevenson reached on a fielder's choice after the lucky break, while Farnham scored, Brian Pierce advanced to second, and Johnny Cote was out at third. With the game tied at 3-all,

Jones relieved Mel Sakisat Jr. on the mound and after giving up a walk, he allowed an RBI single to Trevor DeLaite. Once the host wrestled the lead, it never relinquished it, collecting nine more runs at the pivotal top of the sixth.

A 1-2-3 play at the bottom of the sixth sealed the doom for the CNMI. Deleon Guerrero led off and grounded out, while Lifofoi suffered the same fate with Stevenson picking up the ball at shorts stop, and Aguon fled out to second.

The CNMI went only 6-for-25 at bat in its opening game with Camacho the lone bright spot on the team with his 2-for-3 performance at the plate and two singles. Lifofoi and Deleon Guerrero both drilled 1-for-3,

while Jones was 1-for-2.

Bangor was 13-for-29 and got 12 earned runs. DeLaite led the host with his 4-for-5, four RBIs, two runs, and two doubles. Stevenson added three RBIs despite going only 1-for-4 at bat and also tallied two runs.

In the pitching battle, Colford had a complete game for Bangor, posting only one error and striking out three. The CNMI utilized five pitchers and only Sakisat managed to get strikeouts (3) in four innings pitched. Camacho started out for the Commonwealth and lasted only one inning. Jhace Palacios came in and shared short pitching duties with Evangelista in the second inning before Sakisat came in late at the top of the second.

Meanwhile, the CNMI Senior All-Stars will try to barge into the win column today when they face Central East Maui Little League from Wailuku, Hawaii. Then tomorrow, Tenorio's wards will challenge the Dumfries District of Dumfries, Virginia. The Commonwealth must finish in the Top 2 in Pool A to make it to the playoffs.

BLUE HAUS

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field. Erstwhile co-leader Armattech dropped to a 3-1 mark and third place behind idle Mariana Resort (4-1).

The fight for the solo No. 1 spot in the league was closed only in the first quarter with Blue Haus ahead by six, 18-12. By the end of the second period, Blue Haus' advantage more than doubled, 42-29. Three Blue Haus players scored in succession for the second-quarter surge. Junar Guiab had a string of five points early in that period, Tony Diaz hit back-to-back jumpers, and Bryan Manabat nailed three straight markers. Five other Blue Haus players added at least two baskets apiece to give their team a baker's dozen lead at halftime.

Blue Haus went on to keep its safe distance against Armattech in the second half, as each player the former fielded in the game found ways to contribute to the team. Blue Haus' lead ballooned to as much as 25 late in the third before it settled for a 23-point spread, 68-45, entering the final canto.

Guiab led four Blue Haus players in double figures with his 16. Ernie Moises chipped in 13, while Bruce Berline and Ed Pangilinan added 10 each. Five other Blue Haus players tallied at least five points apiece. James Abuy was the lone double figure scorer for Armattech with 13, while Bernard Montano was held to nine, a far cry from his 26 points in their 95-79 win over I Love Saipan last week. The rest of Armattech players picked up garbage points.

In the second game, Hawaiian Rock (3-3) is back on track after routing I Love Saipan, 81-61.

Hawaiian Rock also gained leverage in the second quarter en route to the easy win.

Ahead by only three after the first period, 19-16, Hawaiian Rock zoomed to a 46-26 lead at halftime. De Belen lifted Hawaiian Rock in the second period, drilling 10 of his 14 points in that canto, while Ronald Abaygar contributed six. I Love Saipan was held to 10 points in the second frame, as only Frank Babauta hit more than one basket in that quarter. Babauta scored six points, while Dave Demapan and Leo Ruloked nailed two markers each.

I Love Saipan failed to overhaul the deficit in the second half and it absorbed its fourth loss in as many matches despite getting a strong finish from Peter Camacho. Camacho top-scored for I Love Saipan with his 17 points, firing nine of the team's last 11 markers. Babauta also had twin digits with his 16 points.

First Game

Blue Haus 88 – Guiab 16, Moises 13, Berline 10, Pangilinan 10, Diaz 9, Palacios 7, Manabat 7, Fernandez 6, Mendoza 5, Santos 2.

Armattech 66 – Abuy 13, Montano 9, Malasarte 8, Pablo 6, Tolentino 5, Moreno 5, Ebuen 5, Tobias 4, Poquiz 4, Park 4, Gatdula 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-12, 42-29, 68-45, 88-66.

Second Game

Hawaiian Rock 81 – De Belen 14, Palacios 13, Abaygar 12, Salazar 9, Tipples 8, Dela Cruz 8, Lopez 8, Saplan 7.

I Love Saipan 60 – Camacho 17, Babauta 16, Renguul 8, Rangamar 8, Ruloked 2, Saha-gun 2, Demapan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-16, 46-26, 60-47, 81-60.

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in the competition. The Commonwealth bets earned eight semis berths in the singles division and all six finals slots in the doubles to bring home two gold medals and seven silvers (five in doubles)

This year, CNMI coach Jeff Race said the North team and his wards are still strong, but it will be an open race both in the singles and doubles championships.

"This is going to be an interesting tournament with us still fielding a strong group that has been training hard for the past months, practicing five days a week. We will have a couple of players having a good chance to make it to the Top 4," Race said.

The CNMI will have three entries in the girls U12 in North

Pacific's No.1 player Malika Miyawaki and No. 2 and 3's Conatsu Kaga and Asia Raulerson. All three and Song will be making their debuts in the POJC, while Schorr is a returnee, hoping to surpass his semis finish in the boys U12 singles. Schorr lost to fellow CNMI player Michael Ren in the semifinals last year.

Also returning to Fiji are Tan and Lee. Tan made it to the semis of the U12 singles last year and finished fourth, while Lee ruled the division and earned a wild card in this year's competition despite missing the qualifying tournament—the 2014 North Pacific Championships in Guam. Tan and Lee, along with Ishikawa, Tsukagoshi, and Lizama will compete in the U14 age group, while Ramsey is entered in the U16 division.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	68	50	.576	—
Toronto	63	57	.525	6
New York	61	57	.517	7
Tampa Bay	58	60	.492	10
Boston	52	65	.444	15½

Central Division

Kansas City	64	53	.547	—
Detroit	63	53	.543	½
Cleveland	59	59	.500	5½
Chicago	56	63	.471	9
Minnesota	53	64	.453	11

West Division

Oakland	72	46	.610	—
Los Angeles	68	49	.581	3½
Seattle	63	55	.534	9
Houston	49	70	.412	23½
Texas	46	72	.390	26

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	63	53	.543	—
Atlanta	60	58	.508	4
Miami	58	60	.492	6
New York	57	62	.479	7½
Philadelphia	53	66	.445	11½

Central Division

Milwaukee	66	53	.555	—
Pittsburgh	63	55	.534	2½
St. Louis	62	55	.530	3
Cincinnati	60	58	.508	5½
Chicago	50	67	.427	15

West Division

Los Angeles	68	52	.567	—
San Francisco	62	56	.525	5
San Diego	55	62	.470	11½
Arizona	51	67	.432	16
Colorado	46	72	.390	21

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Celebration of CNMI Historic Win in EAFF Tournament

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CNMI Men's National Team coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi, left, thanks the Commonwealth football community for their support to the squad and the program during last week's dinner party/celebration for the Blue Ayuyus, who won their first international game last month. The CNMI beat Macau, 2-1, in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup in Guam. Also in the photo is goalkeeper coach Hon Kit Cheng



CNMI Men's National Team players give coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi a round of applause.



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan explains the significance of the CNMI's first win in the EAFF competition.



CNMI Men's National Team players applaud CNMI goalkeeper and captain Johann Noetzel after delivering the opening remarks in last week's event.



CNMI goalkeeper and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Johann Noetzel gestures while recalling the historic moment of the Blue Ayuyus.



Members of the CNMI Men's National Team listen to coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi message.



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ross Zapanta serves as the host of the event.



Jireh Yobech delivers a message on behalf of the Blue Ayuyus.



MIFA men's committee official and former CNMI player Wes Bogdan delivers a brief message for the team.

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CNMI drops opener in World Series



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Nathan Camacho, seen here pitching for the Jets in the Saipan Little League Baseball early this year, plays for the CNMI Senior League All-Stars, who dropped their opening game against Bangor in the World Series in Maine yesterday.

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The CNMI Senior League All-Star Team threatened host Bangor in the first five innings before falling apart in the last to lose its opening game 3-13, in the World Series yesterday at the Shawn T. Mansfield Stadium in Maine.

The Commonwealth sluggers led, 3-2, after five complete innings before an 11-run top of the sixth allowed Bangor to bounce back and foil the CNMI's bid for a debut win in Pool A.

The Patrick Tenorio-managed squad made it to the board at the bottom of the fourth inning, scoring two runs to grab the upper hand, 2-1. Bangor broke the ice earlier at the top of the fourth with Kyle Stevenson's sacrifice fly driving Dennis Farnham home. At the bottom, Kelvin Jack Deleon Guerrero



hit an RBI double that brought home Craig Aguon, while Joseph Li-foi-foi nailed an RBI single to bring in the former and put the Asia Pacific champions to the driver's seat.

An RBI single from Derek Fornier at the top of the fifth tied the match, 2-all, but the CNMI broke the deadlock right at the bottom off a sacrifice out from Darion Jones. The bases were loaded when the big hitting

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Blue Haus takes solo lead

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Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League-Docomo

Blue Haus is alone at the top of the team standings in the 2014 Emon Pacific Cup, following an 88-66 demolition of Armatech last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Blue Haus won the battle of the unbeaten teams to keep its perfect record (4-0) and take the solo lead in the seven-team

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Jr. tennis players leave for Fiji tourney

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Eleven CNMI junior tennis players will leave Saipan tonight to compete in the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

The Commonwealth's Tania Tan, Julia Ishikawa, Ami Tsukagoshi, Luther Lizama, Ken Song, Robbie Schorr, Malika Miyawaki, Conatsu Kaga, Asia Raulerson, Colin Ramsey, and Carol Lee will form the core of the North Pacific Team that will challenge the East and West squads in next week's tournament. The CNMI bets will be joined on the team by players from Palau, Guam, and the Federated States of Micronesia. The West team has players from Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Norfolk Island, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, while the East squad is represented by netters from Samoa, American Samoa, Tahiti, and Tonga. The three teams will fight for the overall championship (based on total points) and the singles and doubles crowns in the boys and girls U12, U14, U16, and U18 age groups.

Last year, the West team won the overall championship, but the CNMI had the best finish among the 17 nations that participated

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Ken Song, seen here serving during a local tournament, will join 10 other CNMI junior tennis players in Fiji to compete in the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.



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Blue Haus' Bruce Berline goes up for an uncontested shot during an earlier game against Hawaiian Rock in the Emon Lodge-Docomo Pacific Cup last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Blue Haus and Hawaiian Rock played last Monday and won their respective games.